



"Your Eyes Are Safe With Us"
LAZARUS
Hong Kong's Only European Optician.
We grind our own lenses. Accurate repair work, highest grade lenses, friendly, courteous service.
Manager:
RALPH A. COOPER, Registered Optometrist (Canada)
F.I.O. (London).

China Mail

ESTABLISHED 1845

No. 27,129 HONG KONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1929. PRICE \$3.00 Per Month.

NEW 1929
GRAHAM-PAIGE
SEDAN and TOURING MODELS
Touring from \$2,300—Sedan from \$2,550.
Sole Distributors for Hong Kong & South China:
KOTEGATE & CO.
Pedder Building, 3rd floor.
Telephones C. 93 and C. 741.

CHINA & JAPAN

FORMULA TO PEACE IS WANTED

THE PRESENT IMPASSE

One Needs Capital and the Other Peaceful Trade

"INSISTENCE ON PRECEDENCE & PRECEDENTS"

"A menace to the peace of the Pacific" is how Mr. George E. Sokolsky describes the present impasse between China and Japan. China needs capital from abroad for industry and for stabilisation and she is not likely to get either if there is a possibility of continued disorder. Japan needs trade and peace generally in Asia for her interests. And so, it is pointed out, a formula to peace should be found.

Unfortunately, that formula has not yet been arrived at. The consequence, Mr. Sokolsky says in the "Far Eastern Review," is that the outlook for the future of China cannot be optimistic.

WEAKNESS OR CONCESSION?

The present impasse between China and Japan is a menace to the peace of the Pacific. These two nations must not be permitted to drift into a condition of permanent embitterment. If there is a genuine will to peace and understanding, a formula can be found by men of the talent and ability of Dr. C. T. Wang and Mr. Yoshizawa. The petty details, the fine points of diplomacy, the insistence upon precedence and precedents should not impede the conclusion of a new agreement and the ushering in of a new era of Sino-Japanese Amity. But there must be a will to peace; there must be a decision that peace should prevail.

The Tsinan Affair has bitten into the psychology of both nations more deeply than appears on the surface. Just as in China there is undoubtedly a powerful anti-Japanese Movement, so in Japan there is an anti-Chinese movement, patent and forceful.

When I visited Japan in the autumn, I noticed this tendency of Japanese public opinion, but when I described it in China, the Chinese refused to believe that Japanese public opinion demanded a stronger policy than the Government chose to take.

Negotiators Attacked
In both countries, the Government would make compromises, but the populace demands extreme measures, which neither of the negotiators can obtain and which neither country can, with decency, impose. In both countries, the negotiators are constantly being attacked for their weakness and their concession; yet neither of the negotiators has been able to discover a formula which will bring an understanding with honour and fairness and yet satisfy public opinion at home.

The formula of "mutual regrets for lives lost and mutual reparations for damages done" is so broad that apparently each side seeks for a very much more specific statement and it is over the details of this specific statement and the form in which it is to be presented to the world that, after an all-night session and a hopeful outcome, the conference between Dr. Wang and Mr. Yoshizawa ended in failure.

Historic Significance
Baron Tanaka, at the opening of the Japanese Diet, commenting on the foreign relations of his country said, inter alia:—

"In speaking of our relationship with China, I feel bound to say a few words about our position in Manchuria as distinguished from the rest of China. In view of the political and strategic importance which it bears to Japan on account of its geographic contiguity with our territory and considering the historic significance which it possesses in that the region was restored to China by Japan at the risk of her national existence from the aggressive grip of Tsarist Russia, it is quite natural that the sentiment of the Japanese people toward Manchuria should be peculiarly keen and entirely different from that toward any other part of China. Furthermore, more than a million Japanese subjects reside in the region to-day and Japan has many important rights and interests there. The interest and concern with which the Japanese people have come to regard the affairs of Manchuria should therefore not cause the least wonder. It goes without saying that the Japanese Government will respect the sovereignty of China."

eighty of China over Manchuria, do all in their power for the preservation of the principles of the open door and equal opportunity and desire that the region be made a safe abode for both natives and foreigners. They are, at the same time, fully determined to take appropriate steps when a state of affairs arises in Manchuria which shall disturb the local tranquillity and thus put their vital interests in jeopardy. This Government has always followed this policy in all its dealings with Manchuria."

Effective Friendship
The statement must be taken at its face value. Baron Tanaka offers the friendship of Japan to the Chinese people, but he asks for guarantees of protection for the lives and properties of Japanese subjects in China generally and in Manchuria in particular.

How to make this friendship effective is, of course, the question of the day. How to carry a desire into a reality? How to bring the two nations together, so that they will not view each other with suspicion and distrust?

It would appear that the Tsinan incident is at the moment the crux of the situation. If a solution can be found then there is hope that an atmosphere will be engendered favourable to a consideration of other problems. If not, then the relations will continue as they are, the Chinese conducting a world-wide propaganda against Japan, boycotting Japanese goods and teaching their people to hate the Japanese.

Needs Defined
In Japan, on the other hand, hatred, bitterness, resentment will continue to strengthen popular antagonism to China and to make it increasingly more difficult for any Government to concede anything at all to Chinese public opinion. Such a situation cannot make for the peace of the world or for an optimistic outlook for the future of China.

For, no matter how one views this problem, it is necessary for China to obtain capital abroad for the development of industry, means of communication and the stabilisation of the Government. And such capital cannot come here, if there is any possibility at all that there may be a continuation of disorder. The Tsinan situation, in its present state, affords ample possibilities of being a source of continued disorder, for boycotts and agitation lead inevitably to popular excitement of a nature unsuitable to the needs of a nation seeking stabilisation.

Wonderful Opportunity
Nor is it to the interest of Japan that there should be continued chaos in China. Only fools and propagandists, who cannot see the woods for the trees, can assume that Japan can thrive best on a chaotic China. Japanese statesmen are sincere when they insist that they seek an orderly and stabilised China, for it is obviously to their interests that China should be orderly and stabilised. Such conditions will make for trade and for the general peace of Asia—Japan needs both.

Who can find the formula to peace? Dr. C. T. Wang and Mr. Yoshizawa have a wonderful opportunity before them. Will they serve both countries by finding the irreducible minimum which both countries can accept and the broadest maximum which both countries can concede and incorporate them into a treaty of amity and co-operation?

SHROFF ROBBED

LANE, CRAWFORD MAN'S HOUSE ENTERED

KEY OF SAFE MISSING

A "cat" burglar entered the 2nd floor of No. 15, Wellington-street, in the small hours of this morning and robbed the occupant, the shroff of Messrs. Lane, Crawford's restaurant, who lives in the flat with his family.

Entry is believed to have been obtained through a higher adjacent flat, which was vacant, whence the thief climbed down and across verandahs and then got into the shroff's room.

The shroff's jacket was stolen, also a gold wrist-watch. In the jacket was a bunch of about twenty keys on a ring. The burglar had, apparently, taken meticulous pains to remove all the keys and extract only one—that to the safe in Messrs. Lane, Crawford's restaurant.

The shroff's wife awoke, raised the alarm, and police whistles were blown, but the burglar escaped. All that could be seen of him was that he wore dark clothing. Needless to say, no attempt was made on the office safe.

EXTRADITION LAW

A BANKRUPTCY CASE FROM HAIPHONG

MAGISTRATE'S DECISION

Decisions on various points submitted by Mr. F. H. Loseby (of Messrs. Ross & Co.) for the fugitive were given by the First Police Magistrate (Mr. E. W. Hamilton) this morning in the Haiphong extradition case. His Worship said that he had been through the case very carefully and he felt that there was a prima facie case against Chan Hung-chuen, a Chinese.

Mr. Loseby reverted to his submission that he had been promised a copy of the charge and had never received one. On his application for a definition of the charge, his Worship replied: "An offence against the bankruptcy law."

Mr. Loseby also argued that no evidence had been submitted that Haiphong is within the jurisdiction of a French colony or protectorate. This was the first case, he thought, in which evidence of jurisdiction had not been given.

Habeas Corpus
His Worship said that he disagreed with Mr. Loseby on the latter's submission that "a manager cannot go bankrupt."

An order for committal to prison was made, pending instructions from H.E. the Governor.

His Worship announced that he was not giving a written judgment, going into the reasons.

Mr. Loseby intimated that he would apply for Habeas Corpus.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy (Assistant Attorney-General) sat with M. G. Dufauré de la Prade (French Consul-General in Hong Kong) but the latter was not called upon to give evidence as to jurisdiction, his Worship having given an undertaking to the defence that the Crown having closed its case, no further evidence would be heard.

APPOINTMENTS

LATEST ANNOUNCEMENTS IN "GAZETTE"

The following appointments appear in to-day's "Gazette":—
Mr. V. C. Branson, M.C., A.R.C.S., D.L.C., B.Sc., A.I.C. to be Government Analyst during the absence of Mr. E. R. Dovey.

Mr. W. J. Lockhart-Smith to be Assistant Land Officer and Deputy Registrar of Marriages from March 12.

Mr. H. L. Lockhart (hitherto of the Sanitary Department) to be Inspector of Juvenile Labour and Inspector of Factories during the absence of Mr. F. Meade.

His Honour the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) and Mr. Neillage S. Brown to be members of the Court of the University.

KELOGG PACT

Washington, Yesterday.
The Chinese Legation announced that the National Government has ratified the Kellogg Pact. It is understood that only Japan, out of the original fifteen signatories, has not ratified. Reuter.

HOTELS CO. AND BUS SERVICES

QUEEN'S-RD. ROUTE

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH AT ANNUAL MEETING

WHY NORTH BLOCK WAS SOLD

Mr. J. Scott Watson (Chairman) presided at the annual meeting of Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., which was held to-day in the company's registered offices, Exchange-building. His address to the shareholders is reproduced herewith:—

Gentlemen.—The report of your directors and statement of accounts for the financial year ended Dec. 31, 1928 having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I will, with your permission, follow the usual procedure, and take them as read.

The auditors' report is as follows:—We have audited the above account and balance sheet with the books and documents of the head office and the accounts and balance sheet of the Shanghai branch rendered by Messrs. Thomson & Co., as accountants to the company in Shanghai, certified by them as correct. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion such balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the company's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the company.

THE HOTEL FIRE

In addition to the pictures of the King Edward Hotel fire appearing on page 7 of this issue (in the "Herald" art supplement of the Colony), another lot will be published by the "Sunday Herald" tomorrow.

A Home mail via Siberia leaves on Monday. To get a complete set for posting, make sure you see the "Herald" tomorrow.

pany—Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, Incorporated Accountants, Auditors, Hong Kong, 6th March, 1929.

Accounts

You will observe from the Profit and Loss Account for the year 1928 that the balance of Working Account amounted to \$1,113,867.15 against \$1,102,659.43 for 1927—an increase of \$11,207.72, which I think under the circumstances may be regarded as satisfactory, more particularly as during the summer months business both in Hong Kong and Shanghai fell much below the average for that particular time of the year.

You will observe also that the working profit for the year has been augmented by the sum of \$974,169.75 in respect of the profit on the sale of the old Hong Kong Hotel site (North block) and No. 16, Des Voeux-road, which property was disposed of to the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. on Nov. 30, 1928, and I propose to make further reference to this subject later.

Properties Well Maintained
Referring to the debt side of the Profit and Loss Account, you will note that "Mortgage and Bank Interest" is considerably lower than last year. As my predecessor in the chair explained to you at the last annual general meeting, during the Military occupation of the Peninsula Hotel interest payable to "Construction in Progress, etc." was debited to Profit and Loss Account, and, per contra, the item of "Rents" received the benefit of the rental revenue derived from the Military Authorities, whereas, on the termination of our lease with the Military Authorities and consequent renewal of work on the building the relative interest was again capitalized. Any explanation of the various other items comprising the Profit and Loss Account would appear to be unnecessary, they being, I think, self-explanatory. I would emphasize, however, that depreciation has again been provided for on a liberal scale, and that in addition your properties and equipment have been well maintained, out of revenue.

(Continued on Page 5)

COLONY'S MONEY

BALANCE OF ASSETS OVER 8 MILLIONS

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS

On November 30, 1928, the balance of assets over liabilities in the Colony's financial statement was \$8,279,877.39, which sum included \$1,983,368.77 recovered from Loan Funds to the revenue.

This recovery was put in the November revenue which amounted in all to \$3,834,389.51, the expenditure during the month being \$1,615,562.64.

Comparative statistics (actual not estimates) for the first eleven months of 1928 and the same period of 1927 (in round figures) are appended:—

	1927	1928
Revenue	\$19,208,495	\$22,889,183
Expenditure	\$17,726,901	\$18,545,222

ROYAL WEDDING

DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK IN BERLIN

VISIT EX-KAISER'S PALACE

Berlin, Yesterday.

The Duke and Duchess of York spent two hours at the ex-Kaiser's palace and were very interested in William, II's apartments.

Sir Horace and Lady Rumbold acted as guides to the party. They afterwards lunched at the Embassy and motored to Potsdam, inspected Sans Souci and the new palace.

As they are travelling incognito there has been no official reception by the German authorities.

The Duke and Duchess will leave cards on President Hindenburg before proceeding to Oslo.

Excitement in Scandinavia
London, Yesterday.

All Scandinavia is most excited over the Royal wedding between Crown Prince Olaf and Princess Martha of Sweden and Oslo is filling up with Royal guests.

The Duke and Duchess of York breakfasted at the British Embassy in Berlin, and afterwards inspected the ex-Kaiser's palace. This was the first British Royal visit since the war. The Berlin public did not recognise them driving through the streets. They will proceed to Oslo to-night as the ice in the Baltic will delay their arrival by one day.

A week's festivities are proceeding at Stockholm where Crown Prince Olaf has gone to fetch his bride. Neither the King nor Queen of Sweden will be present, being on the Riviera and in Rome respectively.

The festivities at Oslo include a banquet at the British Embassy to be attended by the King and Queen of Norway, the Duke and Duchess of York and the Norwegian Premier and his wife.—Reuter.

KING'S HEALTH

MAKING GOOD RECOVERY AT CRAIGWEIL

OUTING WITH PRINCESS

London, Yesterday.
The King has passed a good day. Despite the persistence of cold easterly winds, brilliant sunshine enabled His Majesty to go out in the grounds of Craigweil although the hour that the King was in the house.

Princess Elizabeth accompanied him in his outing and walked beside the bathechairs for three-quarters of the grounds of Craigweil although grounds.—British Wireless Service.

"AVERTIN"

NEW ANAESTHETIC DISCOVERED

GIVEN BY INJECTION

London, Yesterday.

A new anaesthetic, which is not yet on the commercial market, is described in the current issue of the "Lancet" by two distinguished anaesthetists, one of whom, Dr. Shipway, acted as anaesthetist to the King in his recent operation. It is called "Avertin" and is given by injection. In a record of 188 serious cases, in which it was used, there were only two deaths under the anaesthetic.

The writers say that avertin produces unconsciousness more quickly than any similar drug with which they have had experience, and that after-effects are almost absent. British Wireless Service.

IS THAT SO?

Thoughts Terse, Perverse—and Worse.

The chapple in Malay who once employed a riksha puller whom he fondly called "Horace" is beaten by the Government Official here who has the help of a Chinese coolie "Hector" in "holding the bridge."

It is suggested that the staff of a public company accused at the annual meeting of incivility and rudeness were born on Green Island.

A new street in the Colony has been named Electric Street—How shocking!

"Pass Along Quickly" at the Star Ferry is to be altered to "Don't Shove and Push."

Or, "Don't accelerate—there'll be another Ferry to-day."

Poetical correspondent—The Lay of the Last Minstrel was not an epic.

The state of the excitement of Monday's fire may be gathered from the fact that one gentleman refused his name to a contemporary's reporter twice in the same paragraph.

And yet he was not in a state of com(m)at.

There is at least one enterprising insurance company in the Colony—they lost no time in circulating everybody about the merits of their policies—fire and otherwise.

STOP PRESS

THE FIFTH TEST

AUSTRALIA 248 FOR 5 AT LUNCH

KIPPAX RUN OUT

When the lunch interval was taken to-day at Melbourne, the eighth day of the Fifth Test Match, Australia's score was 248 runs for five wickets. She, therefore, needed 38 runs more for victory with half her wickets in hand.

The weather was bright and breezy and the wicket hard.

To-day's score (before lunch):—

England	
1st innings	519
2nd innings	287

Australia	
1st innings	481
2nd innings	—

W. A. Oldfield, b Hammond	48
P. M. Hornbrook, b Hammond	18
W. M. Woodfull, b Hammond	35
A. Jackson, b Geary	46
A. F. Kippax, run out	28
J. S. Ryder, not out	18
Extras	11

Total (for 5 wks.) ... 204

Fall of wickets:—1 for 51 runs (Hornbrook), 2 for 80 (Oldfield), 3 for 129 (Woodfull), 4 for 168 (Jackson), 5 for 204 (Kippax).

To-bat:—D. Bradman, A. Fairfax, R. M. Oxenham, C. V. Grimmett, T. Wall.

(Full scores and a report of yesterday afternoon's play will be found on page 18.)

LATER.

Australia's score at the lunch interval was 248 runs for 5 wickets.

BRITISH BUILDING

1,230,000 NEW HOUSES SINCE THE ARMISTICE

London, Yesterday.
The fact that 1,230,000 new houses accommodating more than 5,000,000 people have been built in England and Wales since the war was stated yesterday by Sir Kingsley Wood, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health.—Reuter.

The Chinese "boys" at the hotel objected to being "fired" in such an abrupt manner.

The lucky holder of the hidden number at a local wheel drive was presented with a pair of garters. —A leg pull!

To-morrow's sermons will all be preached in Irish.

A Private of the K.O.S.B. is taking a Leaf out of the book of the Benedicks in the Battalion and taking into himself a bride-to-morrow.

The "catch of the season" should be the prospective bride from Beautiful Terrace, Hong Kong.

A great demand prevails for copies of "The Polite Letter Writer" among the senior members of the P.W.D.

Supplementary Estimates are expected to include ample supplies for the "Seniors" in certain other Departments.

Will the kiddies of Yaumati School forgo a full day's holiday on Saturday next?

Official minute: Mr. Henry Tom Brooks no fies on Wednesday, March 20.

Besides "rolling stones" there has been Moss at the scene of the big fire every day this week—plenty of him, too!

There is a Whiteway School in Nathan-road—Should be plenty of good "counters" there!

At least one member of the staff of the P.W.D. may be Cryan out for a holiday next Wednesday.

With a King at their head the members of the Police Department may be found wrapped in the Union Jack nightly.

"Lifted" from our evening contemporary:

A local prize-giving gave a contemporary the opportunity to publish a picture of Sir Cecil Clementi. We understand that the editor relies on H.E. not having too many engagements on the same day. Ha-ha ha!!!!

Noticed that the very intelligent diary in the "S.C.M.P." daily gives Australia among the "Home mails." —Is that so?

A house is advertised to be let with "delivery on April 1."—A portable dwelling, apparently.

Also advertised to be let is a house suitable for "married couple or two friends."—A married couple, of course, are never friends.

Local cub reporters should be interested to hear that Mr. Lockhart has been appointed Inspector of Juvenile Labour.—What are his qualifications for sub-editing?

Less play, less drinking, and less profits is the wall of a Kowloon Club.

Mourning bands were ordered on Friday by local cricketers of English birth the while the kangaroos were wagging their tails.

What a waste of good whiskey an hotel fire causes.

The local branch of the Anti-Saloon League cabled the sad news to Puseyfoot Johnson "somewhere in Ceylon."

With visions of Sir A. G. M. Fletcher before them many of the seniors in local Government Departments are training their subordinates in the use of "Sir" in office conversations.

Four persons by the name of Few arrived in the Colony yesterday.—Not few but many.

For sale, safety, skirt, coat, breeches, paying guest, terms moderate, healthy, small approval. A lot lot.

Phone C. 22
FOR
**CLASSIFIED
ADVERTISING**

Twenty-five Words three insertions prepaid \$1. Every additional word four cents for three insertions.

WANTED

WANTED.—For Young English Girl passage or part passage to England in return for services. Reply: Mrs. J. McCormack, The Bungalow, Quarry Bay.

WANTED.—English Woman seeks daily employment. Capable child's Nurse. Apply to Box 580, c/o "China Mail."

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.—Large Rickshaw, in perfect condition; pneumatic tyres; recently overhauled. Can be seen any time. Y.M.C.A., Kowloon.

FOR SALE.—One Morris Oxford Motor Car 1928 model, 5 Seater, in perfect condition. Owner driven. Apply Box No. 589, c/o "China Mail."

TO LET.

TO LET.—One Front and One Back Room. Can be let together or separately; use of kitchen and bathroom. Apply to: Mrs. Chan, Orient Building, 587, Nathan Rd.

TO LET.—Offices to be let in Queen's Road. Central. Apply to: E. D. SASSOON & Co., Ltd., French Building.

TO LET.—From 15th May to 30th November, No. 293, The Peak. Five roomed house fully furnished, with three modern Bathrooms. Garden, 8 minutes rickshaw from Tram and on Motor Road. Apply John Fleming, c/o Lowe, Bingham & Matthews.

TO LET OR FOR SALE.

TO LET OR FOR SALE.—No. 55 The Peak, within two minutes' of Tram and on main Motor Road. Unfurnished Seven-Roomed House with modern Sanitation. For particulars apply: Hong Kong Realty & Trust Co., Ltd.

MISCELLANEOUS.

YOUR VISITING CARDS neatly and promptly printed.—"China Mail" Office, No. 3A, Wyndham St. Telephone Central 22.

DOLLAR ACADEMY.

DOLLAR, SCOTLAND.
PREPARATION for Universities, Army, Public Services, Commerce. On list of Schools nominating for Sandhurst. Contingent of Junior Division O.T.C.
Mild climate and healthful surroundings, specially suitable for colonial boys and boys from urban areas. Preparatory School adjacent.
Prospectus and full particulars may be obtained on application to the School Secretary, or at the Office of this paper.
Headmaster, HUGH F. MARTIN, B.A., (Oxon.)

X PUBLISHED ANNUALLY. X
LONDON DIRECTORY

with Provincial & Foreign Sections and Trade Headings in Five Languages, enables traders to communicate direct with

MANUFACTURERS & DEALERS in London and in the Provincial Towns and Industrial Centres of the United Kingdom and Ireland, the Continent of Europe, Africa, America, Asia, Australasia, etc. The names, addresses and other details are classified under more than 3,000 trade headings, including

EXPORT MERCHANTS with detailed particulars of the Goods shipped and the Colonial and Foreign Markets supplied.

One-inch BUSINESS CARDS of Firms desiring to extend their connections, or Trade Cards of

DEALERS SEEKING AGENCIES can be printed at a cost of £1. 10s. 0d. for each trade heading under which they are inserted. Larger advertisements at £16 per page.

The directory is invaluable to everyone interested in overseas commerce, and a copy will be sent by parcel post for £2, nett cash with order.

THE LONDON DIRECTORY CO., LTD.
25, Abchurch Lane, London, E.C. 4, England.

X DESIGN ESTABLISHED IN 1841. X

**SPORTING
GUNS AND
ACCESSORIES.**

GUNS.—Greener, Webley & Scott, B.S.A., J. W. Needham & Ralek, Freres—Air Rifles—Revolvers, S. & W. Rifle Accessories, Apertures, Sporting requisites, Cartridges to suit all bore.

THE HONG KONG SPORTING ARMS AND AMMUNITION STORE
5-4, Beaconsfield Arcade.

NOTICES.

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY (1918), LIMITED.

LOST.

APPLICATION has been made to this Company to issue to Mr. BERNARDINO DE SENNA FERNANDES, of Macao, a duplicate Certificate for Forty Shares in this Company numbered 491406/491445, or other Certificates in lieu thereof, upon statement that the original Certificate No. 8252, dated 18th September, 1928, has, together with a signed blank transfer, been lost or mislaid; and notice is hereby given that, if within thirty days from the date hereof no claim or representation in respect of such original Certificate is made to the Company, this Company will then proceed to deal with such application.

For the CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. (1918), LTD.,
SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers,
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1929.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on FRIDAY, 22nd March, 1929, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1928, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 11th March, 1929, to 22nd March, 1929, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents,
Hong Kong, 1st March, 1929.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on TUESDAY, 26th March, 1929, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1928.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1929, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,
Hong Kong, 5th March, 1929.

NOTICE.

THE HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th March, 1929, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1928.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 19th to the 27th March, 1929 (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager,
Hong Kong, 13th March, 1929.

FOR SALE

An attractive European residence at Tai Po.

Situated south of Railway between Tai Po and Tai Po Market Stations, containing 3 Reception Rooms and 4 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, English baths fitted with hot and cold water, Flush water, closet. Fitted for Electric light, Hard wood floors, Lawn, &c.

For further particulars, apply District Officer, North Tai Po, or Superintendent of Crown Lands, P.W.D.

**FANLING HUNT
STEEPLECHASES.**

SUNDAY,
24th March.

Entries Close at Noon
16th March.
Forms from Thompson & Co.

MR. BREWER'S CASE

COUNTER-CLAIM BEFORE A JURY

CENTURY-CRESCENT HOUSE

Alleged events at No. 4, Century-crescent were mentioned before a jury at the Supreme Court yesterday when the unusual procedure of empanelling a jury in Summary Jurisdiction was taken on the application of the plaintiff, Mr. Instons Brewer, barrister-at-law, President of the Instons Banking Corporation.

The case was adjourned after some evidence had been called. The case was heard by his Honour the Justice (Mr. Justice Wood). The jury comprised: Messrs. A. Ritchie (foreman), W. B. Marshall and H. M. Xavier.

What Has Gone Before
Mr. Brewer appeared in person, Mr. D. I. Strellett (of Messrs. G. K. Hall-Brutton & Co.) represented the defendant, Mr. R. Simmons, manager of the Hong Kong Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd.

Some days ago his Lordship gave judgment for \$375 and costs in favour of Mr. Simmons who claimed a month's board and lodging due by Mr. Brewer for himself and his wife. His Lordship decided to hear the counter-claim separately and fixed the case for yesterday. Mr. Brewer paid the requisite moneys into Court and obtained stay of execution pending hearing of his counter-claim. In the interval he applied to the Full Court for leave to appeal and failed.

The Counter-Claim

Mr. Brewer counter-claimed \$268.75 in respect of "personal property stolen from No. 4, Century-crescent, on or about June 11, 1928, by reason of the defendant's negligence and by his breach of duty as a boarding house keeper to take reasonable care for the safety of property brought into the house by guests"; "\$375 damages in that Mr. Simmons did, by threats, promises and actions, compel Mr. and Mrs. Brewer to vacate the premises on June 30 without the notice to which they were entitled"; and "\$350 for trespass in that Mr. Simmons, on or about June 11, unbeknown to Mr. and Mrs. Brewer, invited sundry persons to make use of Mr. and Mrs. Brewer's bedroom and bathroom and to make use of their property."

Addressing the jury, Mr. Brewer reverted to March 1, 1928, when he and his wife became lodgers. They left on June 30. Mrs. Simmons left in March, 1928 and did not return until last December.

Blamed the "Boys"
On June 10, Mr. and Mrs. Brewer went to Canton and returned on the following day. Subsequently articles of clothing and a string of imitation pearls belonging to Mrs. Brewer were missed. When Mr. Simmons was informed he blamed the "boys." Mr. Simmons admitted that he had had three girls at the house to play tennis, but he did it in such a manner that Mr. Brewer did not connect the two incidents. The boy's quarters were searched but nothing was found and the matter was placed in the hands of the Police.

From information obtained from the servants by the Police, a search warrant was obtained and, accompanied by Mrs. Brewer, a house was searched where two of Mr. Simmons' guests were living. There Mrs. Brewer recognised a flower of hers, which she did not know had been stolen.

After the search, Mr. Brewer alleged, Mr. Simmons tried to get them out of the house. "Mr. Simmons is a gentleman and now he is naturally rather shame-faced as he has brought into public what he would naturally desire to keep private. He sometimes absented himself from meals and, no doubt, felt his position keenly," said Mr. Brewer.

Alleged Agreement
Mr. Brewer also alleged that Mr. Simmons pretended to make an agreement, which was that Mr. and Mrs. Brewer should leave the house at the end of June and everything should be regarded as settled, which meant that the claim of Mr. and Mrs. Brewer should be forgiven and Mr. Simmons' current month's rent should be forgiven. Prior to leaving, no demand was made for rent and afterward the servants, who were willing and anxious to give evidence with regard to criminal proceedings resulting from the alleged thefts, were dismissed and could not be found.

Mr. Brewer mentioned that his Lordship had found that such an agreement was not proved when Mr. Simmons' claim was heard. Mrs. Brewer gave evidence, in the course of which she said she was positive that the flower she identified was hers.

Petticoats
In cross-examination, Mrs. Brewer said she would not call herself a senior partner of the American Trust although she signed for the firm. The American Trust was not responsible for the Instons Bank note issue, she added.

Articles mentioned by Mrs. Brewer as stolen included an elaborately embroidered petticoat and embroidered combinations. Mr. Strellett:—Do people wear petticoats?—You are a married man and ought to know.

Mr. Strellett:—How many pairs of drawers have you?—Four.

When Mr. Strellett suggested that not a single article represented a genuine loss, Mrs. Brewer replied that the counter-claim was bona fide.

Subsequently Mrs. Brewer said that Mr. Simmons had referred to the guests as "girls."

Mr. Strellett:—Would you be astonished to hear that one of the "girls" was between 65 and 70 years of age?—The "girl" played tennis very well.

Police Evidence

Evidence was given by Det. Sgt. Rozesky as to searching No. 33, Sharp-street, where there were two sisters. That Mrs. Brewer, he said, when she saw the imitation flower, declared that that was her concrete evidence and she would "deduct the value of the

goods stolen from her board." One of the sisters immediately claimed the flower but suggested that the police should take it for the time being.

Sgt. Rozesky also deposed that Mrs. Brewer was not satisfied with one search and so a second search was made. He considered that the premises had been completely and thoroughly searched. As far as he knew none of the allegedly stolen property was found; loss of the flower had not been reported. He had no reason to doubt that he was searching the premises of perfectly innocent parties.

The case was adjourned until March 26 and 27 at 2.15 p.m. each day.

DISTILLED PEIPI WATER

for diluting drinks.
A great remedy for lung troubles, stops that irritating cough.
45 cents per bottle.

on Sale at:
SHING CHAI TONG DRUG STORE.
Established 1892.
180, Queen's Road C.



Sam Ku West who is now appearing at the Queen's Theatre.

UNIVERSALLY COOK'S ACCEPTED.
TRAVELLERS' CHEQUES
ISSUED IN STERLING AND U.S. DOLLARS.

THE SAFEST & MOST CONVENIENT METHOD OF CARRYING FUNDS WHILST TRAVELLING.

12, PEDDER ST.
FIRST FLOOR.

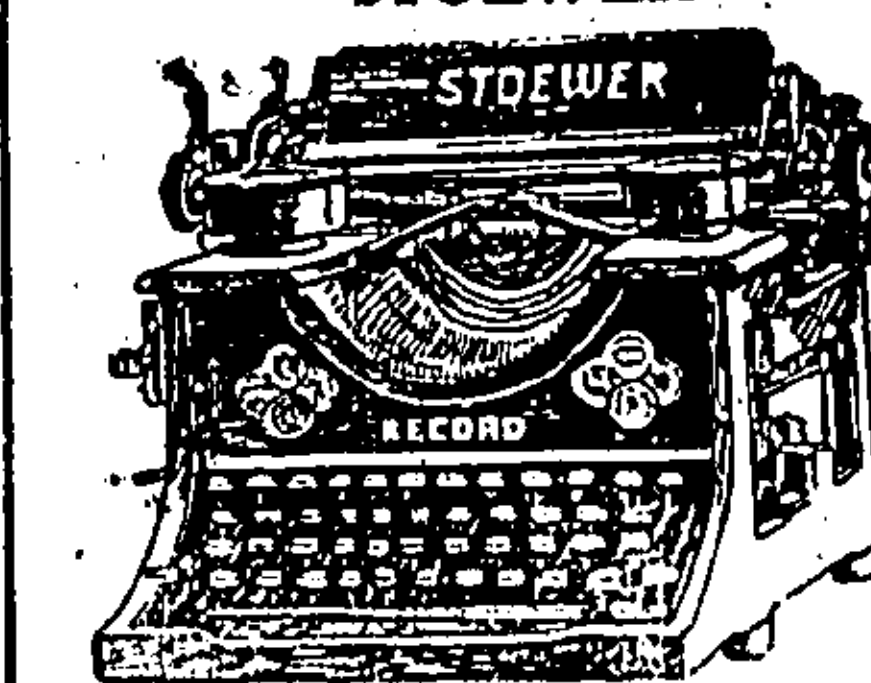
THOS. COOK & SON (BANKERS), LTD.
AND
WAGON-LITS CO.

JUST RECEIVED

A new shipment of
**TOILET ARTICLES AND
SOFT GOODS**
at reasonable prices.

THE BAKILLY CO., LTD.

153-155, Des Voeux Road Central.

STOEWER TYPEWRITERS

STANDARD
&
PORTABLE

UNRIVALLED!
INCOMPARABLE!

The STOEWER is a perfect machine, light and quick action, fitted with many improvements.

For further particulars apply to
BITZER & CO.

QUEEN'S BUILDING, ICE HOUSE STREET, 2nd FLOOR.
SOLE IMPORTERS FOR HONG KONG & SO. CHINA



DO you ever suffer from Headache, Cough, Cold, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Gout, Sore-throat, Toothache, or Asthma? If you do, will you allow us to solve the question of securing a cure, of course, a permanent one, and put an end to these dreadful enemies of humanity? Or do you like to be handicapped in society, in business or in your daily association with your strong, healthy friends? For your own good, we would strongly advise you to have an open mind, and to make use of what you can call your true companion, our preparation—THE TIGER BALM. This BALM which is entirely free of animal fat and other injurious substance has been proved most reliable and unequal in curing the above ailments. The great demand for this BALM which runs to a MILLION POTS each year testifies amply to its eminent value and efficiency.

SO WHY NOT GIVE IT A TRIAL NOW
AND GET IMMEDIATE RELIEF?
OBTAINABLE AT ALL DRUGGIST SHOPS AND BIG STORES.

Small Pots \$0.25 each
Big Pots \$0.60 each



DO you suffer from chronic headache? Have you found that no other drawback is so serious as to be a constant victim of headache? Your mental capability is weakened and you are hindered greatly in your social duties. You attend to your daily work with the feeling of a tired and old man, and you return home in a depressed and miserable state to your wife and lovely children. Can't we solve the problem for you? We do not render you a long bill for our professional attendance on you. On the contrary, we are only too anxious to help you to be cheerful everywhere you go. We want you to be a "DON JUAN" in society and a well-respected member in business circles. Just pay a few copper coins and you will get all the relief you require. We will help you to drive away the evil of this disease—FOR EVER.

SO PLEASE PROVE THE TRUTH OF THE
ABOVE BY GETTING A PACKET OF OUR
"TIGER BRAND HEADACHE CURE"
when occasion arises.

10 CENTS per packet.

ENG AUN TONG
THE TIGER MEDICAL HALL.

HEAD OFFICE:—RANGOON, BURMA.

Branch Office:—
Hong Kong—28, Bonham Strand, East.
Singapore, Shanghai, Swatow.



DODWELL & COMPANY, LTD.

FOR NEW YORK AND BOSTON via SUEZ.

LLOYD TRIESTINO

REGULAR MONTHLY PASSENGER AND FREIGHT SERVICE
FOR BRINDISI, VENICE AND TRIPSTE (FIUME).
TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING TO
GENOA, ALL ITALIAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANT, BLACK
SEA AND DANUBE PORTS.
REDUCED PASSAGE RATES.

BRINDISI, VENICE & TRIESTE \$75.0.0.

NEXT SAILINGS.

OUTWARDS FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI.

From Hong Kong.
S.S. "DUCHESSA D'AOSTA" Sails on/or about 19th March.
M.V. "RSQUILINO" Sails on/or about 28th March.
S.S. "ROSANDRA" Sails on/or about 16th April.
M.V. "ROMOLO" Sails on/or about 25th April.

HOMEWARDS FOR BRINDISI, VENICE AND TRIESTE.

From Hong Kong.
S.S. "PIAVE" Sails on/or about 23rd March.
M.V. "VIMINALE" Sails on/or about 2nd April.

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS

FROM CALCUTTA & COLOMBO TO SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

S.S. "UMZUMBI" Sails from Calcutta 2nd May.
Regular Passenger and Cargo Service to South African Ports.
Through Bills of Lading issued from Hong Kong.

For Freight or Passage on any of the above Lines apply to:
DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.
Telephone Central 1030.

N.Y.K. LINE

THROUGH BOOKING TO EUROPE AT REDUCED RATES.
\$120, \$112, \$110, \$102, \$93, via San Francisco.
\$5440, \$5420, via Japan and Seattle.

SAN FRANCISCO via Shanghai, Japan Ports & Honolulu.
TAIYO MARU Wednesday, 20th March.
TENYO MARU Wednesday, 27th April.
SEATTLE, VICTORIA via Shanghai & Japan Ports.
SHIDZUKA MARU Monday, 25th March.
YOKOHAMA MARU Monday, 8th April.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM via
Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez.
HAKOZAKI MARU Saturday, 23rd March.
HAKUSAN MARU Saturday, 6th April.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.
TANGO MARU Wednesday, 20th March.
AKI MARU Wednesday, 24th April.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.
SADO MARU Monday, 18th March.
TOTTORI MARU Thursday, 28th March.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles,
Mexico & Panama.
RAKUYO MARU Friday, 10th April.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.
KANAGAWA MARU Friday, 6th April.
NEW YORK via PANAMA.
TAKETOYO MARU Sunday, 17th March.
MAYEYASHI MARU Thursday, 28th March.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Geneva, Marseilles.
LYONS MARU Monday, 18th March.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
NAGATO MARU Friday, 29th March.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
KITANO MARU Tuesday, 19th March.
BENGAL MARU (Mojil direct) Tuesday, 19th March.
AKI MARU (Nagasaki direct) Friday, 22nd March.

Reduced 1st Class Excursion Rates quoted between Manila and Australia.
For further information apply to—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Tel. Central No. 292 (Private exchange to all departments.)

O. S. K.

SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP—Via Singapore
Colombo, Suez and Port Said.
ALASKA MARU Thursday, 11th April.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore,
Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.
HAWAII MARU Tuesday, 19th March.
LAFLATA MARU Tuesday, 23rd April.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.
INDUS MARU Wednesday, 20th March.
Durban, Lourenco Marques, Beira, Dar-es-Salaam, Zanzibar
(Calls at Penang & Karschi).
CANADA MARU (Calls at Saigon) Saturday, 30th March.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
CELEBES MARU Monday, 18th March.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports From
Shanghai.
PARIS MARU Saturday, 23rd March.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.
BURMA MARU Saturday, 6th April.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.
RAIPHONG—Via Hong Kong & Pakhal.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
JAPAN PORTS.
AMUR MARU Sunday, 17th March.
KRELLING—Via SWATOW & AMOY.
CANTON MARU Sunday, 17th March Noon.
TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY.
DELTA MARU Thursday, 21st March, 10 a.m.
TAKAO & KRELLING.
SOURABAYA MARU Thursday, 4th April.

For further particulars please apply to—OSAKA SHOSSEN KAISHA.
Tel. Central No. 4055, 4059, 4061.



SHIPPING SECTION.

STEAMER SUNK

STRIKES WRECK, BUT CREW SAVED

Oran, Yesterday.
The Belgian steamer "Scheldt" of 2,800 tons, with general cargo, struck a submerged wreck near the Vesta Rock, off Plane Island, and sank in thirty fathoms. The crew were all saved.—Reuter.

EASTERN PORTS

DETAILS OF WEEKLY DEATH BULLETIN

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended February 23, issued by the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, gives the following cases, the figures in parenthesis indicating deaths:—
Plague: Baghdad 3, Colombo 2 (1), Penang 2 (1); 3 infected rats found in Rangoon in zone 3; 1 infected rat found in Chetebon (1).
Cholera: Bassorah (2), Rangoon (1), Bangkok 13 (12), Penang 1 (1).
Small-pox: Basrah 1 (1), Bihar & Orissa 45 (22), Madras 76 (24), Negapatnam 1 (1), Rangoon 5 (2), Belawan Deli 1, Samarinda 27, Halphong 10 (8), Penang 10 (7), Hong Kong 17 (12), Shanghai (12), Canton 29 (9), Meaco (15), Dairen 1, Sourabaya 1.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The B.I. s.s. "Santhia" left Singapore for this port on March 14, p.m., and is due here on March 20, a.m.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of France" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on March 9, and is due here on March 28. She will leave for Manila at 5 p.m. on March 29.

Projected arrivals at and departures from Hong Kong of steamers under the management of the Bank Line, Ltd., are as follows:—

Arrivals at Hong Kong
S.S. "City of Delhi" from Europe, March 17.
S.S. "City of Khios" from New York via Suez, March 17.
The s.s. "City of Glasgow" from Europe, April 17.
The s.s. "Glenbank" from New York via Panama, April 22.
The s.s. "Comlebank" from New York via Panama, April 22.
The s.s. "City of Newcastle" from New York via Suez, May 1.
Departures from Hong Kong
S.S. "City of Delhi" for Shanghai and Japan, March 18.
The s.s. "City of Dunkirk" for Manila and U.S.A., March 18.
The s.s. "City of Khios" for Manila and U.K., March 28.
The s.s. "City of Khartoum" for Singapore and Europe, April 1.
The s.s. "City of Glasgow" for Shanghai and Japan, April 1.
The s.s. "Tinhov" for Saigon and South Africa, April 18.
The s.s. "Glenbank" for Halphong, April 26.
The s.s. "Comlebank" for Shanghai and Chinwangtao, April 27.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE BEN LINE STEAMERS, LIMITED.

From DUNKIRK, LONDON & STRAITS.

The Steamship, "BENMACDUIH"

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 21st inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 4th April 1929, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 20th inst. at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hong Kong, 14th March, 1929.

THE THOMPSON STEAM SHIPING CO.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "RIO DIAMANTE" From ANTWERP.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 14th instant.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the underwriter on or before the 30th inst. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 20th inst. at 10 a.m. by our surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bill of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hong Kong, 14th March, 1929.

FRENCH FLEET

MODEST ADDITIONS IN THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME

Paris, Yesterday.
The Senate by a majority of 272 to 28, has passed a Bill authorizing the laying down of one cruiser of 10,000 tons, six destroyers of 2,480 tons each, six submarines of 1,460 tons, and one mine-laying submarine of 720 tons.—Reuter.

MONTREAL

GREATEST GRAIN PORT IN THE WORLD

Senator W. L. McDougall, chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, arrived in Southampton recently, in the White Star liner "Majestic," on vacation.

Interviewed, he said the past year was the greatest in the history of the port of Montreal, which established itself as the greatest grain port in the world, handling 220,000,000 bushels of grain, a larger amount than was shipped from the whole of the Atlantic ports put together, including New York.

Discussing developments which have taken place in the facilities at Montreal, Senator McDougall said, "We have almost doubled our facilities during the past six years, a fact which you will realize to be true when I tell you that whereas only \$30,000,000 were spent in the 90 years previous to 1922, we have expended \$27,000,000 in the past six years. On top of that we have now a new extension scheme, to be shortly put in hand, at a cost of \$10,000,000, and this will provide further docks and transit sheds."

WHEN YOU ARE ON LEAVE

Keep in Touch with Hong Kong and China affairs by subscribing to the

OVERLAND CHINA MAIL

ILLUSTRATED

JUST REORGANISED.

3 Months \$ 3.75

6 Months \$ 7.50

12 Months \$15.00

including Postage.

Newspaper Enterprise Ltd.

China Mail Offices,

3A, Wyndham Street.

MASTERS AND MATES

IMPORTANT ALTERATIONS RECOMMENDED

A committee under the chairmanship of the Right Hon. Walter Runciman, M.P., have recently reviewed the system under which candidates are examined for masters and mates' certificates, and the qualifications required for the various grades. In their report they recommend important alterations in the system of the examinations, in the syllabuses for the various grades, and in the rules as to sea service.

These recommendations have been accepted in principle by the Board of Trade as soon as possible, but in the meantime certain of the recommendations which are to the advantage of candidates will come into operation immediately.

STATE SHIPOWNING

One of the most patent disadvantages of State shipowning is shown by the case of the Canadian Rover, the facts of which have been reported in the "Halifax Chronicle." She is one of the Canadian Government ships, and following a collision with the United States steamer "Calmar" was seized by the Marine Court at San Francisco and sold by public auction. The responsibility for the collision authorities may well be imagined, but the alternative is to place State immunity for a ship run exclusively for profit and the fact of it that no democracy would endorse such a system. The people of Canada cannot so much as have a national ship put up for public auction in such circumstances, particularly when they have to pay a considerable sum in taxes every year for the privilege.

The alternative of "something else" is suggested by such a case as the "Halifax Chronicle" and there are very few people, except those who consider that everything that should be nationalized at somebody else's expense, who would not be glad to see the Canadian Government shipowning system.

SHOWING THE FLAG

PROJECT REVIVED IN CANTON

"GENERAL POLICY"

[From Our Correspondent]

Canton, March 14.
Some time ago a plan was on foot for the dispatch of certain naval units from Canton to the Philippines and the Straits for the purpose of showing the flag, but nothing further has been heard about it till now when Admiral Chan Chak is again reviving the question. His secretary is now working out a scheme for the dispatch of these units but it is known that the scheme is being opposed in certain quarters. It is pointed out that it would mean the expenditure of an appreciable sum of money at a time when funds are badly needed; moreover, that the whole thing savours too much of a gunboat policy—the very thing the Chinese have always criticized the foreign Powers about. It will be recalled that when Admiral Chan Chak first brought up the question of sending a naval flotilla to the Philippines and the Straits, he emphasized amongst other things the importance of encouraging the Chinese in these parts many of whom felt that they had been too long neglected by their home government. Moreover, mention was also made of "oppressive acts" on the part of the foreign authorities toward Chinese nationals. It is not known exactly who caused the postponement of the plan, but it is being whispered until now that Marshal Li Chai-sun and General Chan Ming-shu were not very keen about Admiral Chan Chak's proposal in view of the pleasant relations existing between Canton and Hong Kong and the atmosphere of friendship between China and the United States. It is stated that both Marshal Li and General Chan also considered the scheme inadvisable for another reason, namely the question of expenditure. Money is badly needed at this time and the troops disbanded question is being proceeded with more or less attention focussed upon it from all sides, so that any attempt to force the navy into the limelight might be misconstrued as aggression in a new form.

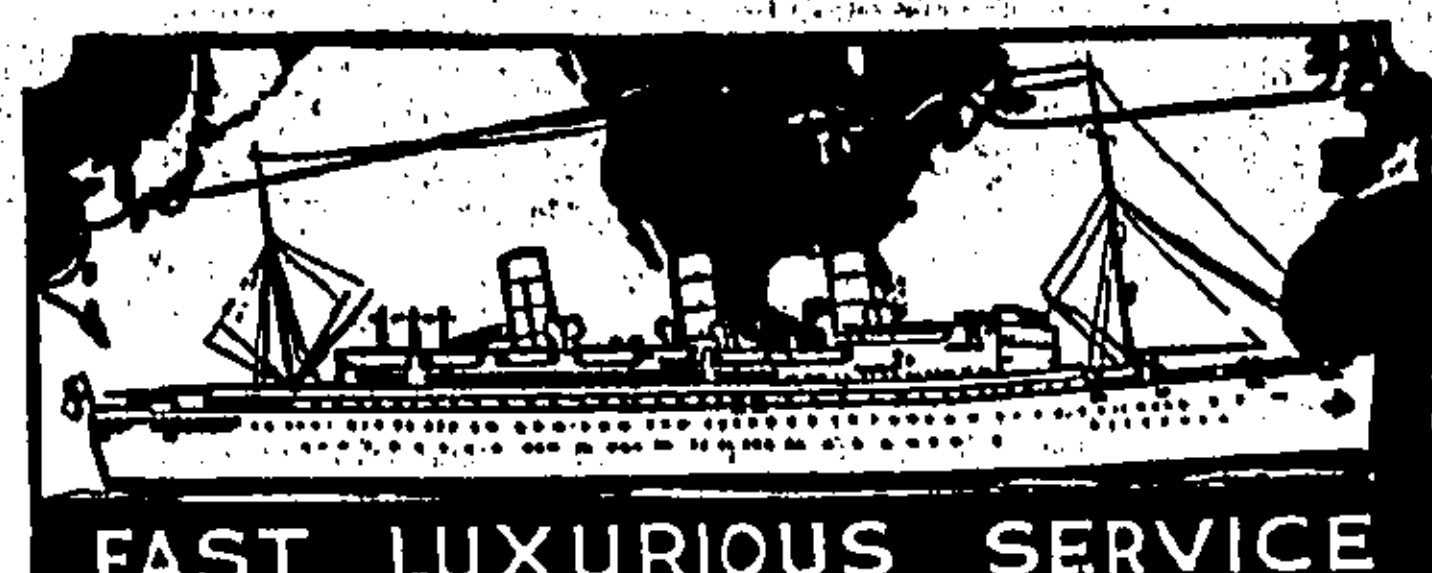
Admiral's View
Admiral Chan Chak feels however, that the plan should not be given up. No Chinese warship has been seen abroad for many years, he says, and the time has come to send naval units on a long-distance cruise for, apart from the fact that the flag ought to be shown in ports where large numbers of Chinese reside, satisfactory sea-training ought to be given to the men of the fleet if China is ever going to have an adequate navy. The naval people feel that also should be taken to reorganize the Chinese navy and that new units should be built to replace the antiquated vessels at present owned by the country. In Canton for example, with the exception of the gunboats recently built at Hong Kong, and of one or two of the large or-land gunboats, most of the vessels are "overgrown steam-launches" that is to say just a bit larger than the average steam-tug, with masts affixed to give them a naval aspect. All of them are old vessels and hardly in a condition to put to sea.

Training the Personnel
It is felt by the naval people that something should be done now to reorganize the Navy and that a beginning should be made by way of training the personnel in a suitable manner, according to their adequate sea experience. New vessels could be ordered eventually to replace the present unserviceable ships and in course of time China ought to be the possessor of a Navy commensurate with the present length of her coast. In short, thinks Admiral Chan Chak, the proposed scheme to show the flag in the Philippines and the Straits is a most appropriate one.

The Admiral also seems to think that the Chinese overseas could in this way be persuaded to contribute money for the building of new gunboats so much needed by their mother country.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of Cargo ex M.V. "Chile" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after March 17 at 4 p.m.
Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Rio Diamante" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after March 20.



FAST LUXURIOUS SERVICE

—to America and Europe

TRAVELLERS bound for America or Europe avail themselves of speedy and comfortable service when they go Canadian Pacific.

The White Empresses are the largest, newest and fastest liners on the Pacific. They cross from Yokohama to Vancouver in 9 days; from Shanghai to Vancouver in 14.

These ships connect with the summer trains, "Trans-Canada Limited" and "Mountaineer," at Vancouver, enabling passengers to make the earliest sailing of a Canadian Pacific Atlantic liner.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

Corner Pedder Street and Chater Road
HONG KONG

Telephone Central 752.

WORLD'S GREATEST TRAVEL SYSTEM

BRITISH WUCHOW LINE

SAILING DATES FOR MAR., 1929 (Subject to change).

DEPARTURE HOURS: Hong Kong 5.30 p.m., Wuchow 2.00 p.m.

S.S. "TAI HING" S.S. "TAI MING"

[1,068 tons—Capt. O. B. Wilks.] [649 tons—Capt. G. J. Spink.]

MARCH.
SUN. 17th WED. 27th
FRI. 22nd MON. 19th SAT. 30th

Regular Service of Fast, High Class River Steamers Having Good Accommodation for First Class Passengers. Electric Light and Fans in State-rooms and Saloon. The "Tai Hing" is fitted with Wireless.
These vessels leave Hong Kong for Wuchow (via Samshui, Shihing, Pakching & Dosing) and return to Hong Kong (via same Ports) every five days.

Fares for round trip (not including meals) \$20. Meals & Wines are to be obtained on board.
Hong Kong Arrivals and Departures from Ho On Wharf.
For information apply to—**KWONG WING Co., Ltd.**
87, Connaught Road West, Phone: Central 893.

American Express Travellers Cheques

"Sky-blue" in colour, these Cheques give travellers the fullest protection against the loss or theft of their travel funds. They are spendable and acceptable everywhere. For more than 86 years travellers the world over have found personal service and financial security thru their use.

Issued in \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100, and \$5 and \$10 denominations—bound in a small handy wallet—and cost only 3/4 of 1 per cent.

Secure your steamship tickets, hotel reservation and itineraries; or plan your cruise or tour through

THE AMERICAN EXPRESS CO., INC.

4, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, Hong Kong.

BANK LINE LTD.

AGENTS FOR

ELLERMAN & BUCKNALL S.S. CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION WITHOUT NOTICE.

UNITED KINGDOM & CONTINENT ELLERMAN LINE

S.S. "CITY OF KHARTOUM" London, Rotterdam, Amsterdam & Hamburg 13th April.

S.S. "CITY OF DELHI" London, Rotterdam, Amsterdam & Hamburg 9th May.

S.S. "CITY OF GLASGOW" London, Rotterdam, Amsterdam & Hamburg 10th June.

NEW YORK, BOSTON, & BALTIMORE AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE

S.S. "CITY OF DUNKIRK" via Suez Canal 18th March.

S.S. "CITY OF LILLE" via Suez Canal 17th May.

ALSO AGENTS FOR

ANDREW WEIR & CO.

SERVICES TO

BOSTON, NEW YORK & BALTIMORE AMERICAN & ORIENTAL LINE

S.S. "NAIRNBANK" via Suez Canal 10th April.

S.S. "OAKBANK" via Suez Canal 10th May.

MAURITIUS & SOUTH AFRICA ORIENTAL AFRICAN LINE

S.S. "TINHOW" 15th April.

Loading for Mauritius, Réunion, Delagoa Bay, Durban, East London, Algoa Bay (Port Elizabeth), Port Natal, Cape Town.
Through Bills of Lading issued to Beira, Quilmane, Port Amelia, Mozambique, China, Inharrim, Zanzibar, Mombasa, Kilindini, Port Nolloth, Loquat Bay, Walvis Bay and Madagascar.

For freight or passage on any of the above lines apply to:—

THE BANK LINE, LTD.

Telephone Central 4792.

P. & O.-British India Apcar and Eastern & Australian Lines

(COMPANIES incorporated in ENGLAND).

MAIL AND PASSENGER STEAMERS.

TAKING CARGO FOR

STRAITS, JAVA, BURMA, CEYLON, INDIA, PERSIAN GULF,
WEST INDIES, MAURITIUS, EAST AND SOUTH AFRICA,
AUSTRALASIA, INCLUDING NEW ZEALAND AND
QUEENSLAND PORTS, AND RED SEA, EGYPT,
CONSTANTINOPLE, GREECE, LEVANTINE
PORTS, EUROPE, &c.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL FORTNIGHTLY
DIRECT ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.
(Under Contract with H.M. Government.)

S. S.	Tons	From Hong Kong About	Destination
†KHYBER †PADUA	9,114 5,907	23rd Mar. 28th Mar.	Marseilles & London. Marseilles, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg.
MAIWA *MIZAPORE NALDERA KARNATA MANTUA *NAGORE	10,980 6,715 10,058 10,128 10,946 5,283	30th Mar. 1st Apr. 13th Apr. 29th Apr. 27th Apr. 4th May	Marseilles, London & Hull. Straits, Colombo & Bombay. Bombay, Marseilles & London. Marseilles & London. Bombay, Marseilles & London. Marseilles, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg.

* Cargo only. † Calls Casablanca.

Frequent connection from Port Said for Passengers and Cargo to
Constantinople, Pireus, Smyrna and other Levant Ports by steamers of the
Khedivial Mail Steamship Co.

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS.

TALMA	10,000	21st Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
SANTHIA	7,754	22nd Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TILAWA	10,000	23rd Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKIWA	7,936	27th Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKADA	6,940	1st May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TALAMBA	3,013	17th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

A.I. Apcar Line steamers have excellent accommodation for 1st
and 2nd class passengers. All steamers are fitted with wireless and
carry a qualified surgeon.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South).

ST. ALBANS	4,500	29th Mar.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island.
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd May	Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
TANDA	6,956	31st May	
ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th July	
ARAFURA	6,000	2nd Aug.	

Regular monthly sailings from Hong Kong to Japan and Hong Kong
to Australia.

The E. & A. S.S. Co., Ltd., steamers will also call at Shanghai, Hilo,
Cebu, Kolambagan, Tawao, Timor, Darwin, or other ports en route as
indicated on the schedule.

Frequent connections from Australia with the following:—

The Union S.S. Company's steamers to the United Kingdom via New
Zealand, Vancouver, San Francisco, etc.
The P. & O. Royal Mail steamers to London via Suez Canal.
The P. & O. Branch Service of steamers to London via the Cape.
The New Zealand Shipping Company's steamers for Southampton and
London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN.

SANTHIA	7,754	21st Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama & Osaka.
KARNATA	10,128	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
*ALPORE	5,283	23rd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*LAHORE	5,283	25th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MANTUA	10,946	28th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*KIDDERPORE	5,283	30th Mar.	Moji & Kobe.
TILAWA	10,000	31st Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama & Osaka.
TAKIWA	7,936	31st Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama & Osaka.
ARAFURA	10,946	3rd Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
TAKADA	6,940	10th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*JEYPORE	5,318	11th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KALYAN	9,144	12th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MOREA	10,563	20th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	6,956	7th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
PERIM	7,949	9th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
DELTA	5,097	10th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

* Cargo only.

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY FITTED ON ALL STEAMERS.

Passengers for Rangoon must defray their own Hotel expenses at
Singapore while awaiting the on-carrying steamer.

All cabins are fitted with Electric Fans free of charge.

Steamers on London and Australian Lines are fitted with Laundries.

Parcels measuring not more than 24 ft. x 2 ft. x 1 ft. will be received
at the Company's Office up to Noon on the day previous to sailing.

For further information, Passages, Freight, Handbooks, etc., apply to—

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.

P. & O. Building, Connaught Rd. C, Hong Kong. Agents.

NEW YORK, BOSTON & BALTIMORE.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE

"BLUE FUNNEL" LINE.

(OCEAN S.S. CO., LTD. & CHINA MUTUAL S.S. CO., LTD.)

AND

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE.

(ELLERMAN & BUCKNALL S.S. CO., LTD.)

SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG.

S.S. "CITY OF DUNKERK"	Via Suez Canal	18th March
S.S. "LAURENCE"	Via Suez Canal	10th April
S.S. "REHEKOR"	Via Suez Canal	8th May
S.S. "CITY OF LILLE"	Via Suez Canal	17th May

Steamers proceed via Suez Canal or Panama Canal at Owners' Option.

Subject to change without notice.

For Freight and Particulars apply to—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, THE BANK LINE, LTD., Hong Kong.

Hong Kong & Canton; JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., Canton.

HOTELS CO. BUSES

(Continued from Page 1.)

Assets
Turning to the Balance Sheet, you will notice that on the assets side "Land and Buildings" now stand in round figures at \$18,000,000, and on this subject you will be interested to hear that the book value of the company's properties is considerably below present day valuations. To illustrate this, I will cite one instance, viz., the Majestic Hotel property in Shanghai. The value of the land in respect of this property appears in the books in round figures at \$1,000,000 below the figure shown by the latest Municipal assessment relating to that property.

The increase you will observe in the assets figures under the heading "Furniture and Fixtures," "Machinery and Plant," "Linen, Crockery, Glassware and Plate-ware," are due, in the main, to the equipping of the Peninsula Hotel.

The only other item appearing to call for comment on the assets side of the balance sheet is "Motor Cars, Coaches and Trucks," which item has increased since the 1927 period by slightly over two lakhs. This augmentation is mainly due to the acquisition of additional motor buses for the Queen's-road and Felix-villas routes.

Reserves
Turning to the liabilities side of the balance sheet you will observe that "Land and Buildings" Reserve has been reduced by an amount of \$806,167.54. This represents the accretion credited to the account on re-valuation from time to time of the Remaining Portion of Marine Lot No. 7, i.e. site of the old Hong Kong Hotel North block, which on sale of that property became transferable to the Realisation Account. Should shareholders approve of the recommendations of the Board the "Construction and Development" Reserve will stand at \$1,000,000 and the "General" Reserve at \$3,000,000, which figures have been, for the purpose of lucidity, incorporated in the accounts.

"Loans Secured by Mortgages" show a reduction of some four lakhs vis-a-vis the previous year—such reduction being due to the income from sale of property, less payments towards the completion of the Peninsula Hotel.

There appear to be no further items calling for explanation, and I trust that shareholders will approve of the appropriations recommended by the Board. The financial situation does not warrant the distribution of a dividend for the year under review, and approval of the Board's recommendations will have the effect of considerably strengthening the company's position.

Hong Kong Hotel
With regard to the disposal of the old Hong Kong Hotel site (North block) and No. 16, Des Vaux-road, your Board gave careful consideration to the matter of developing these sites, and financial facilities were available for reconstruction purposes—but, in view of all the circumstances, your Board decided to dispose of the property.

It was considered that on the opening of the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, the company would be in possession of an up-to-date establishment replete with all the most modern conveniences offering a superlative degree of comfort to guests. The financial "lock-up" in land alone—in connection with a reconstructed hotel on the old Hong Kong Hotel site (North block) would heavily militate against the erection of an establishment capable of comparison with the Peninsula Hotel. Moreover the South block—containing the present Hong Kong Hotel—appears adequate to cope with the volume and class of patronage its centralised location attracts.

Peninsula Hotel
It is unnecessary for me to enter into a lengthy dissertation on the merits of the Peninsula Hotel, as shareholders and the general public have had adequate opportunity of gaining first-hand information by visiting that establishment. Regarding the financial benefits to be derived from this Hotel, I am pleased to inform you that the measure of patronage accorded thereto is very gratifying, and endorses the action of your Board in embarking upon a project which gives the Colony an up-to-date establishment capable of fulfilling the requirements of the most exacting, and of handling the heavy volume of transient traffic carried by the passenger steamers which, virtually, berth at its door-way.

Automotive Transport

I am pleased to be able to state that during the year under review, your company was successful in obtaining a concession for the extension of its motor-bus services through Queen's-road from Tai Hing Village to Kennedy Road. Although this service was initiated in the beginning of the last quarter of the year under review, we were not in a position to run a full-time service until the early part of January of the current year. I am pleased, however, to be able

KAIPING COAL

FOR ALL PURPOSES.

HOME.

FACTORY

AND

BUNKERS



POWER

HOUSE

TUGS

LOCOS

THE KAILAN MINING ADMINISTRATION.

Head Office:—TIENTSIN.

Agents:—DODWELL & CO., LTD., Hong Kong.

to state that this new venture proved a success from its inception; and the measure of support accorded to it bears eloquent testimony to the fact that there was a crying need for what I may term a "de luxe" bus service through the central part of the city.

Shareholders will doubtless have read with interest leading articles and correspondence appearing in the local Press during the past few weeks on this subject, and whilst I am naturally disinclined to make any statement possible of controversial interpretation, I deem it requisite to trace in brief the facts relating to the inception and subsequent growth of the bus services operated—very efficiently I think I may fairly say—by your Garage Department.

In the year 1918, one of the enterprises your company had in hand was the construction of the Repulse Bay Hotel, at which time the motor roads of the Island were very limited, and in fact the "round-the-island" road was then still under construction—it not being possible to motor further than Little Hong Kong on one side of the Island and Shaukiwan on the other. The opening of this road to traffic synchronised with the opening of the Repulse Bay Hotel, and it became imperative for this company to find some regular means of transit in order to meet the public demand for cheap and expeditious transport between the City and the South side of the Island. In these circumstances, your Managing Director approached the local concerns engaged in that particular class of business, but I regret to say he received very slight encouragement notwithstanding the fact that your company was at that time prepared to subsidise such companies against a loss on working covering a reasonable period—it being understood that in the early stages at least a motor bus service would not prove profitable. Despite all efforts in this direction, no support was forthcoming, and it therefore became necessary for this company to inaugurate its own motor-bus and motor-car service, and six buses were ordered and arrived in the Colony on Jan. 26, 1922.

During the Strike
In the first instance (in February and March of that year) the company ran a service from the Hong Kong Hotel to the race course and subsequently took up a regular service to Repulse Bay via Pokfulam. Later, in the year 1923, your company was in touch with the Government with a view to obtaining a concession for an extension of their motor-bus service from Happy Valley to Kennedy Town. Little encouragement was received owing to the fact that the Government were of the opinion that the time had not then arrived for the institution of a service of this description. In 1924—

Stubbs-road being then under construction—your company approached the Government with a view to obtaining permission to run its buses via this road to Repulse Bay, and again brought up the subject of the Queen's-road route, and whilst the latter suggestion was not entertained (for the same reason as previously given) nevertheless, in the General Strike of 1925—the Tramways in common with other services being dislocated, (in fact there were no trams running owing to the Police Authorities having notified the Tramways Co. of the possibility of riots taking place if the tram service were continued)—this company ran a regular service between Blake Pier and Happy Valley via Queen's-road East—thus giving facilities to the community in those particular districts.

Government's Thanks

Coincidentally with resumption of the Tramway service, a general dislocation of the bus service on the Kowloon Peninsula took place, and this company, in one night, transported the whole of its fleet of buses to Kowloon, and within its limitations, carried on a service there for a period of two days, until the bus service was re-established and was largely instrumental in

breaking the Kowloon bus strike. For these services your company received the thanks of the Government, and again the matter of a regular service through Queen's-road was touched upon but vetoed by the Government for the reasons previously given, that is to say, that in the Government's considered opinion the time had not arrived to warrant a service of that description.

In 1926, your company was approached by a large property owner at Pokfulam with a view to inaugurating a regular service to Felix-villas via the University, and, after consideration of the matter, such service was inaugurated and in fact guaranteed against loss by the applicant during a period of three years, but I am pleased to state that since the inception of this service, the support accorded to it rendered unnecessary any recourse in this connection.

Chinese Petitions

In 1927, this company again approached the Government on the matter of the Queen's-road service, particularly having regard to the fact that the company had been in receipt of petitions from the residential Chinese community at each end of this route requesting the company to inaugurate some such service. In this instance the company's request was granted, and, as I have already mentioned, not only has the service in question been inaugurated, but I am pleased to say, it is working satisfactorily and the support accorded to it has been such as to make necessary for your Board in the course of the next few months to materially increase the number of vehicles on the route.

Reserves Augmented

It is a matter of regret to your Board that they are not in a position to recommend a distribution in respect of the working of the past year, but I may say that the company appears now to have weathered the difficulties of the past four years, and, as a result of the continuous augmentation of its reserves, is in a strong position to-day. With the opening of the Peninsula Hotel heavy capital payments cease, and the cash revenue of the company being considerable, a material reduction in the indebtedness to our bankers should not be a matter of great difficulty. Consequently I have every hope that the company will revert to a dividend distributing basis in the near future.

I now formally propose that the report of the directors and the

President Liner

SAILINGS

Weekly Trans-Pacific Service

To San Francisco and Los Angeles	To Seattle and Victoria
The Sunshine Belt via Honolulu	The Short, Straight Route to America
Fortnightly sailings on Tuesdays	Fortnightly sailings on Tuesdays
Pres. Jefferson 26th Mar. 10 a.m.	Pres. McKinley 19th Mar. 4.30 a.m.
Pres. Lincoln 9th Apr. 9th	Pres. Grant 2nd Apr. 2nd
Pres. Madison 23rd Apr. 23rd	Pres. Cleveland 16th Apr. 16th
Pres. Jackson 7th May 7th	Pres. Pierce 30th Apr. 30th

120, 112 Special through rates to Europe via United States. Direct connections with all Atlantic lines. Choice of rail lines across United States and Canada. Liberal stop-over privileges for sight-seeing.

Europe and New York Direct

ROUND THE WORLD

Fortnightly sailings on Sunday via Manila, Suez, Colombo, Suez Canal, Alexandria, Naples, Genoa, Marseilles, New York and Boston.

Pres. Johnson 24th Mar. 8 a.m.	Pres. V. Buren 5th May 8 a.m.
Pres. Monroe 7th Apr. 8 a.m.	Pres. Hayes 19th May 8 a.m.
Pres. Wilson 21st Apr. 8 a.m.	Pres. Polk 2nd June 8 a.m.

To Manila

Pres. Jefferson 16th Mar. 6 p.m.	Pres. Cleveland Apr. 9th 6 p.m.
Pres. Grant 26th Mar. 6 p.m.	Pres. Madison Apr. 13th 6 p.m.
Pres. Lincoln 30th Mar. 6 p.m.	Pres. Pierce Apr. 23rd 6 p.m.

For Bookings, Passenger and Freight Information apply to
12, Pedder Street (opposite Hong Kong Hotel)

Telephone Central 2477, 2478 and 755

Cable Address "Dollar"

CANTON BRANCH—No. 4, Sha Kee Street.

Dollar Steamship Line
and
American Mail Line

AUSTRAL-CHINA NAVIGATION CO.

FORSYDEN, MELBOURNE AND ADELAIDE

via

Manila, Hilo, Sandakan, Balikpapan and Rabaul

S.S. "CHRONOS"Sails on/about 4th April.

For freight and passages apply to:

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

Agents,
Queen's Bldg. Tel. C. 1030.

THE KWONG HIP LUNG CO., LTD.

ENGINEERS and SHIPBUILDERS, BOILER MAKERS, BRASS and
IRON FOUNDERS. All work done in this establishment is guaranteed.
We have over thirty years' experience. We own two shipways and can
accommodate any craft of 200 feet long.

Town Office: 64, Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong, Tel. Central No. 459.
Shipyard: Sham-Sui-Po, Kowloon, Hong Kong. Tel. Kowloon No. 9.

Estimates furnished on application.

Hong Kong, April 1, 1924.

accounts for the financial year ended Dec. 31, 1928, as presented, be adopted, and that the following appropriations recommended by your directors, as incorporated in the balance sheet, be carried into effect, namely:—Transfer to General Reserve \$1,000,000; Transfer to Construction and Development Reserve \$200,000; Carry forward to next account \$175,510.47; and I shall be obliged if a shareholder will kindly second such proposal, whereupon question as to the report and accounts may be raised.

NEW LAUNCH

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT
DESIGN

The Harbour Department is to have a new single screw teakwood launch of the following dimensions:—length 52 feet b.p.; breadth 11 feet; depth 5 feet 3 inches—to be propelled by internal combustion engines of 90-100 h.p.

Either full Diesel or semi-Diesel machinery will be used.

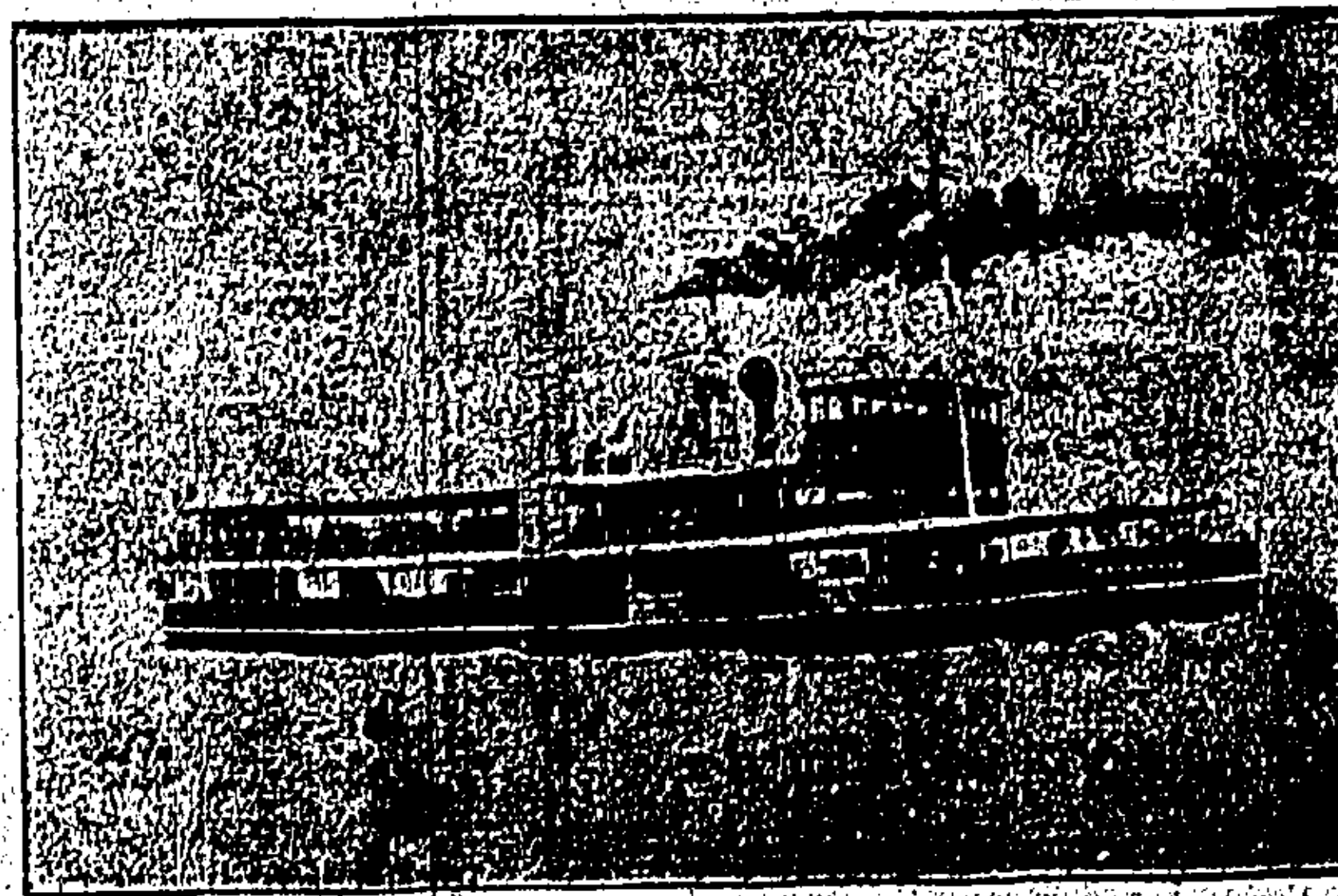
THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "MANIFESTO" HONGKONG.

Codes Used: A1, A.B.C. Fifth Edition; Engineering: First and Second Editions;

Western Union and Watkins.

DOCK OWNERS; SHIP BUILDERS, MARINE AND LAND ENGINEERS, BOILER
MAKERS; IRON, STEEL, AND BRASS FOUNDERS, FORGE MASTERS,
ELECTRICIANS.



Twin Screw Steamer "ELIZABETH," built and engineered by The
Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., for the Federated Malay
States Railways, for service between Penang and Prai.

Please address enquiries to the Chief Manager:

E. M. DYER, B.Sc., R.M.A., Whampoa Dock, Hong Kong.

THE HONG KONG DISPENSARY.
Phone No. C. 16. Kowloon Dispensary K. 19.

St. George's Building, Ice House Street
Tel. Central 135.

When she pleads frantically for her life and her love, Miss Caynor goes out to her. And when after her capture by the police, she pleads successfully for one hour's freedom to spend with her love, she is released by the jury, acting in power for Miss Caynor.

HONGKONG \$ DIRECTORY

1929

NOW ON SALE

AT THE

DOLLAR DIRECTORY CO., 3A, Wyndham Street.

AND AT

Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co., Ltd. Brewer's,
Hung Cheong, 55, Nathan Road, Kowloon
H.K. & Kowloon Ferry Wharf Store, Kowloon
Peak Tram Station Store, Lower Tram Station
Lee Yee, 12, D'Aguiar Street
Excelator Co., 15, D'Aguiar Street.

China Mail

ESTABLISHED
1845

READERS, AMATEURS OR NOT, ARE
INVITED TO SEND PHOTOGRAPHS
AND ILLUSTRATIONS TO THE
EDITOR OF THE "CHINA MAIL"
FOR INSERTION IN THIS PAGE,
SUBJECT TO HIS DISCRETION.

PICTURES TO BE RETURNED
SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED
THUS, WITH THE SENDER'S NAME
AND ADDRESS. IDENTIFICATION OF
THE PERSON OR EVENT SHOULD
BE CLEARLY AND BRIEFLY SET
OUT.

BUY A
DOLLAR DIRECTORY
THIS YEAR

—an old one is of little use!

NOW ON SALE

AT

THE HONGKONG DOLLAR DIRECTORY CO.
3A, Wyndham Street, Hong Kong.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1929.

PIONEER ART SUPPLEMENT.

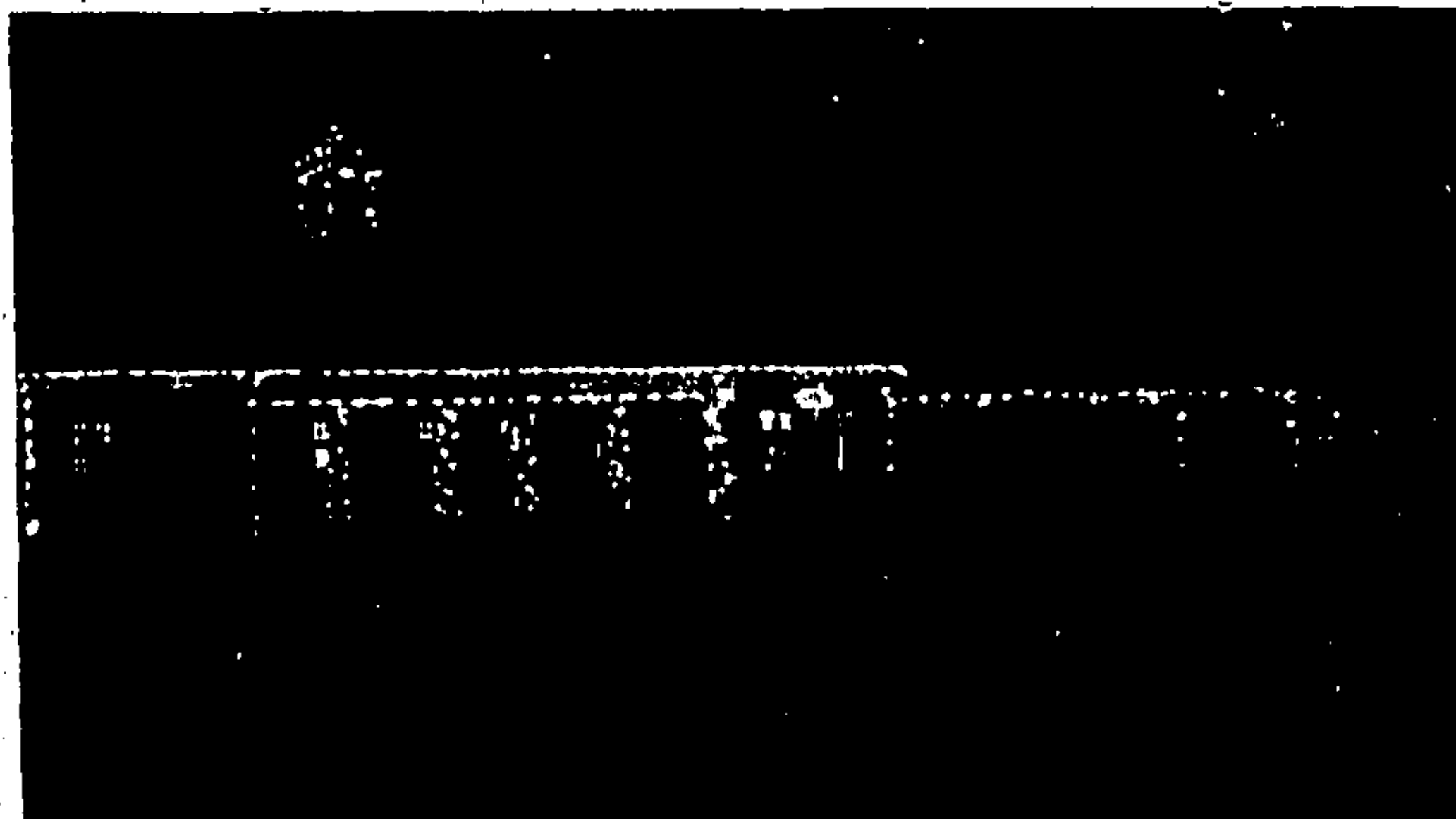
7



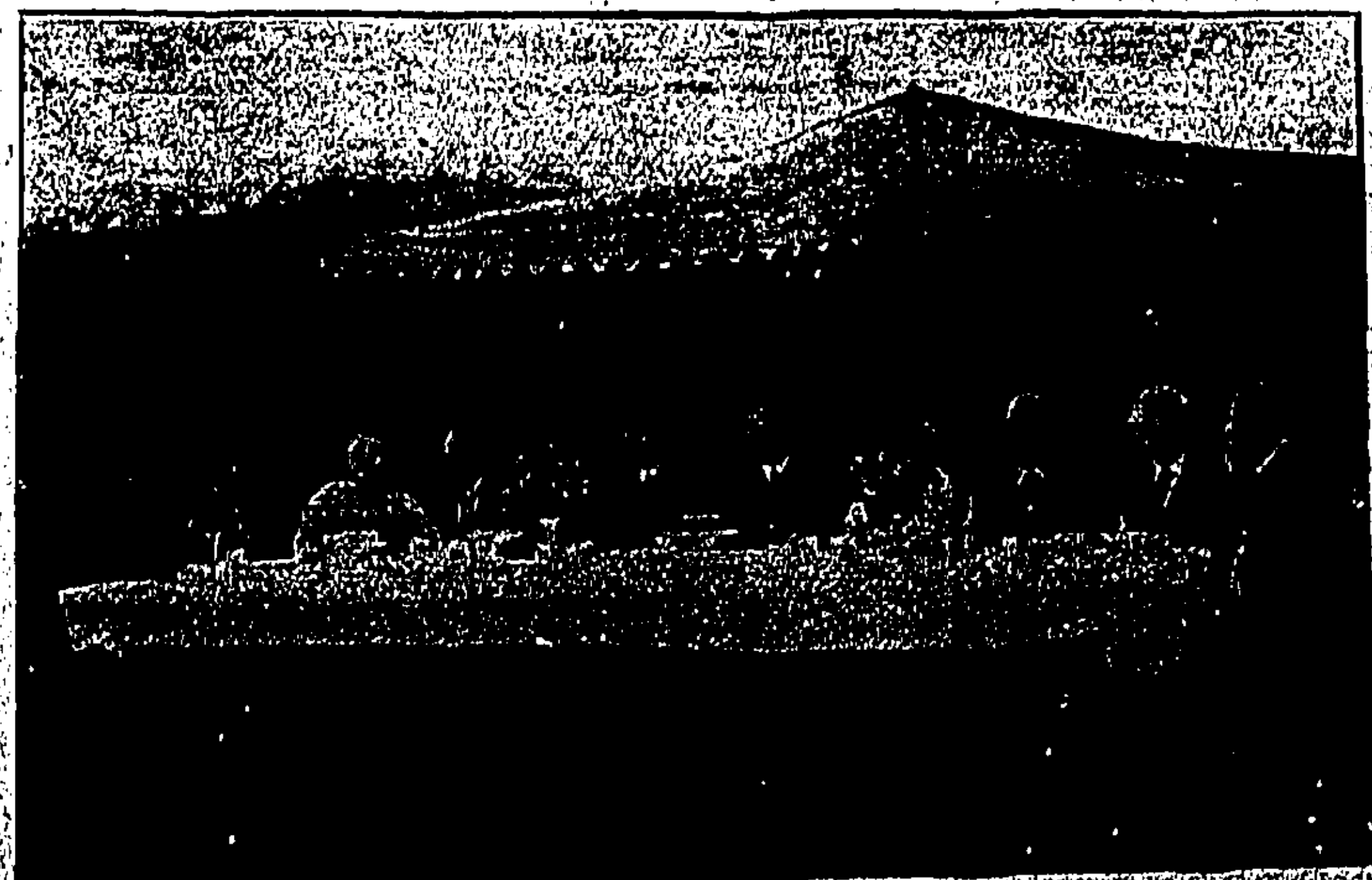
LOCAL FANCY DRESS BALL.—Held by the Royal Naval Dockyard (Hong Kong) Ladies' Club at the Seamen's Institute, Praya East, where the large attendance seen in above photo had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Some of the costumes, both ladies and men's, were very original. The "Keystones" Dance Band," a talented group of musicians from H.M.S. "Suffolk" was in attendance, giving much pleasure during the night with a fine programme. All this season the Seamen's Institute has proved to be a popular rendezvous for members of the Services, their ladies, and also of the Mercantile Marine.—(K. Fujiyama).



AT THE UNIVERSITY.—The annual "social" of St. John's Hall, which took the form of a concert and dance and proved to be an unqualified success. The Warden (the Rev. C. B. Shann, M.A.) and the chairman (Mr. C. W. Lam) are seated in the centre. Among those who took part in the entertainment were Mr. W. K. Fung and Mr. S. F. Chan (Chinese classical music), Mr. H. C. Leong (violin solo) accompanied by Mr. F. K. Chan, Miss S. H. Cheung (Chinese song) accompanied by Messrs. Ng, Fung, Chan and Chan, Mr. S. S. Ong (musical saw) accompanied by Mr. F. K. Chan. A sketch entitled "Hostel Life" was presented by "Our Own Regulars."—(A. Fong).

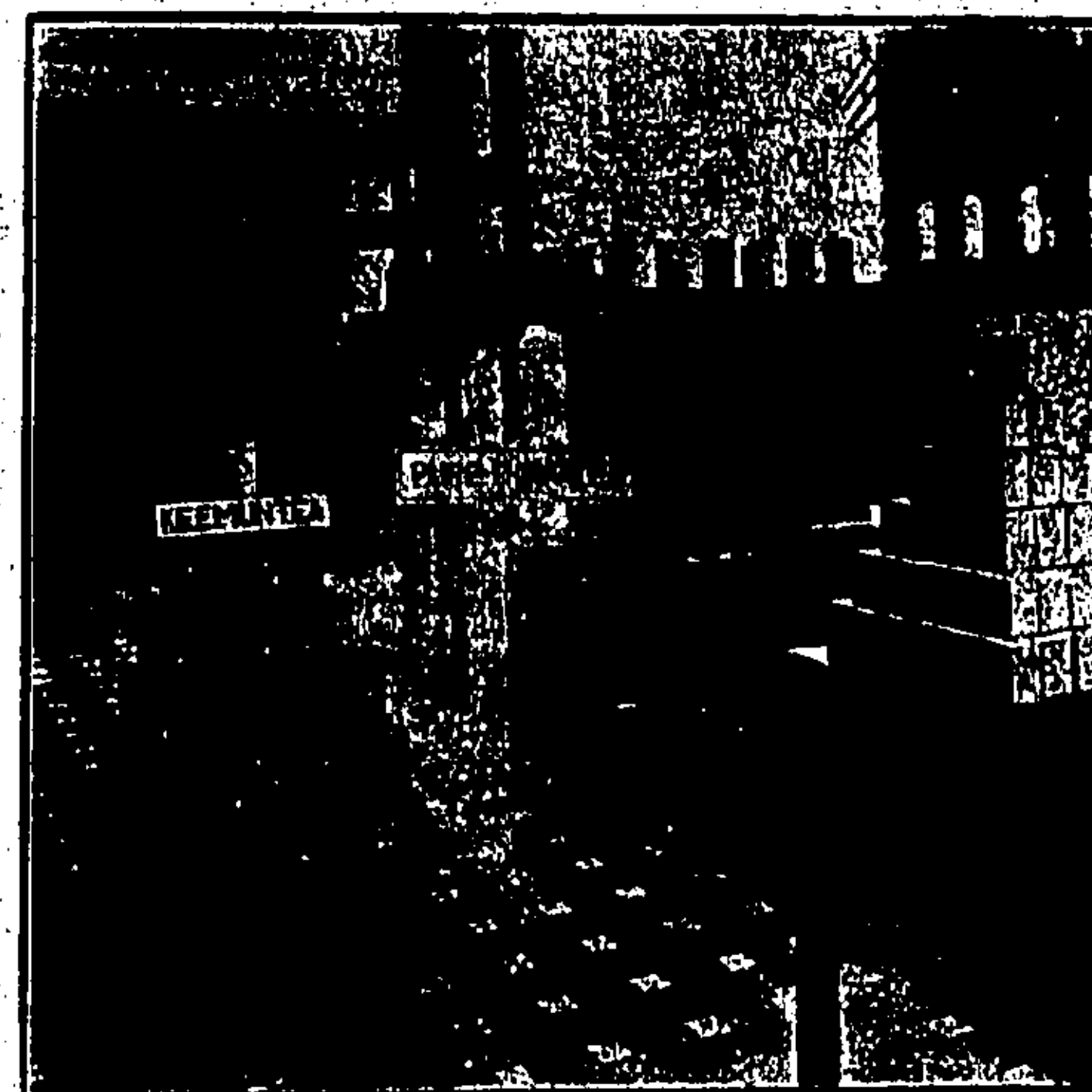


CELEBRATION ILLUMINATIONS.—The Club de Recreio at King's Park, Kowloon, lighted on the night of the garden party welcome to the new Unofficial members of the Legislative Council.—(K. Fujiyama).



GARDEN PARTY.—Organised by clubs and institutions of Kowloon in honour of the Hon. Mr. J. P. Briggs (fifth from right) and the Hon. Dr. B. W. Tsao, O.B.E., LL.D. (third from left). Between them, two new members of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., LL.D. (wearing hat), the senior Unofficial Council.

AN EXCELLENT BEVERAGE



TONG TEA

One of the finest products
of the famous Keemun Valley

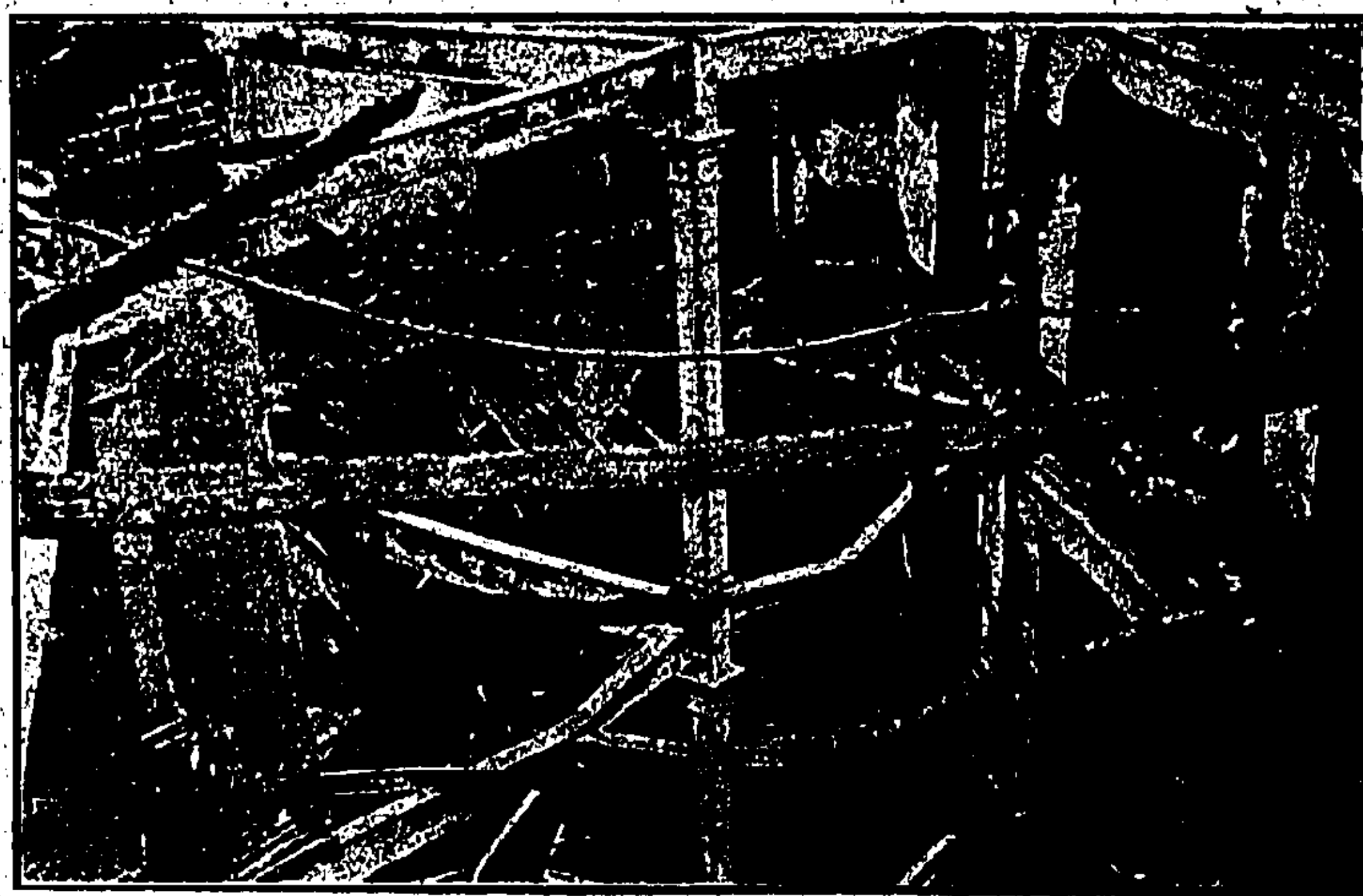
4 oz. nett 45 cents per tin.

An appropriate gift to
send to your friends at home.

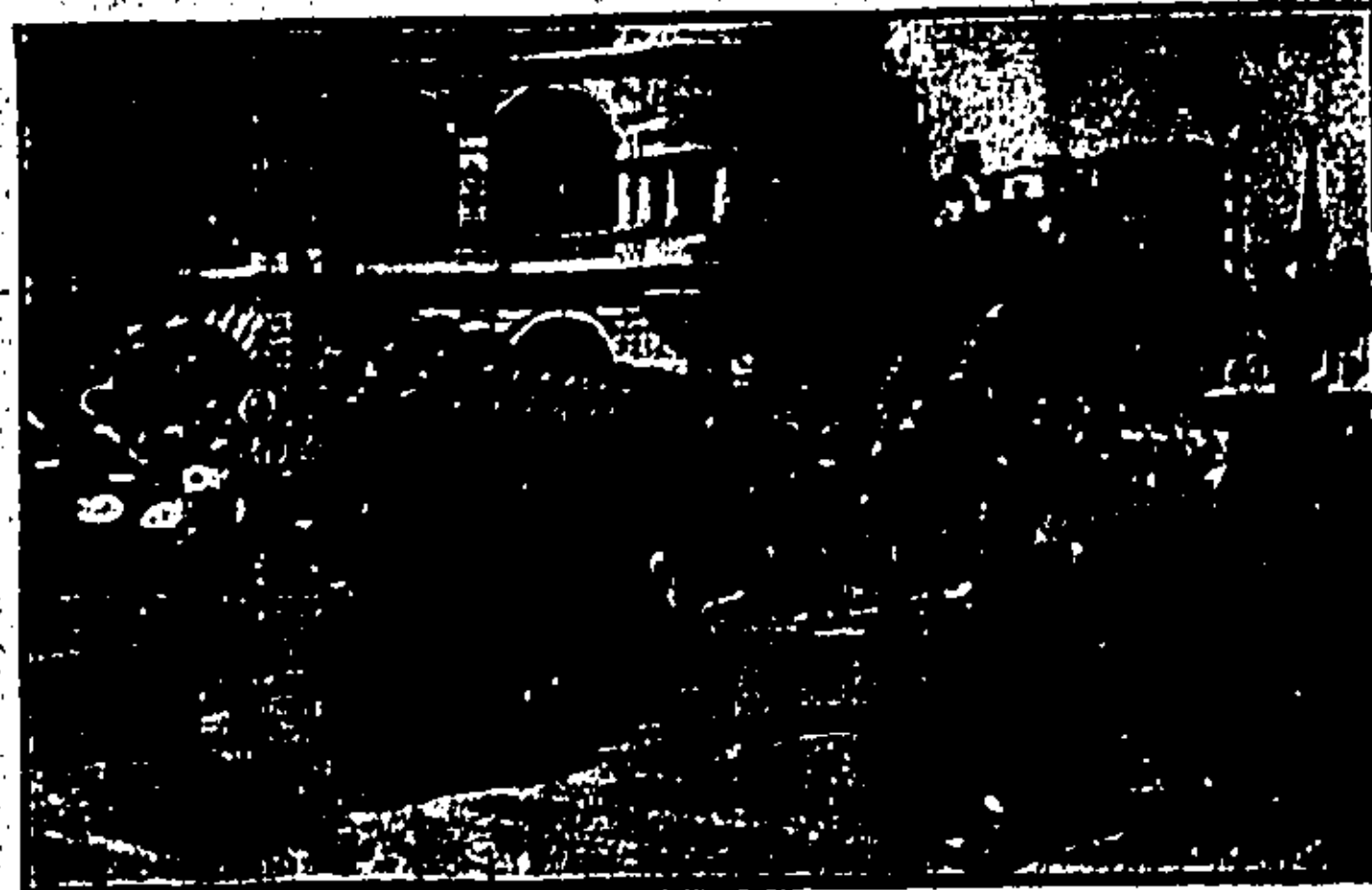
THE CHINA TEA CO., LTD.

David Building, Pottinger Street.

SOLD BY ALL COMPRADORES.



EVIDENCE OF INTENSITY OF HEAT.—The interior of King Edward Hotel as a result of the fire on the morning of March 11 when ten persons were killed and five injured. Note the twisted steel girders and the charred remains of the wooden beams, also the fallen debris.—(K. Fujiyama).



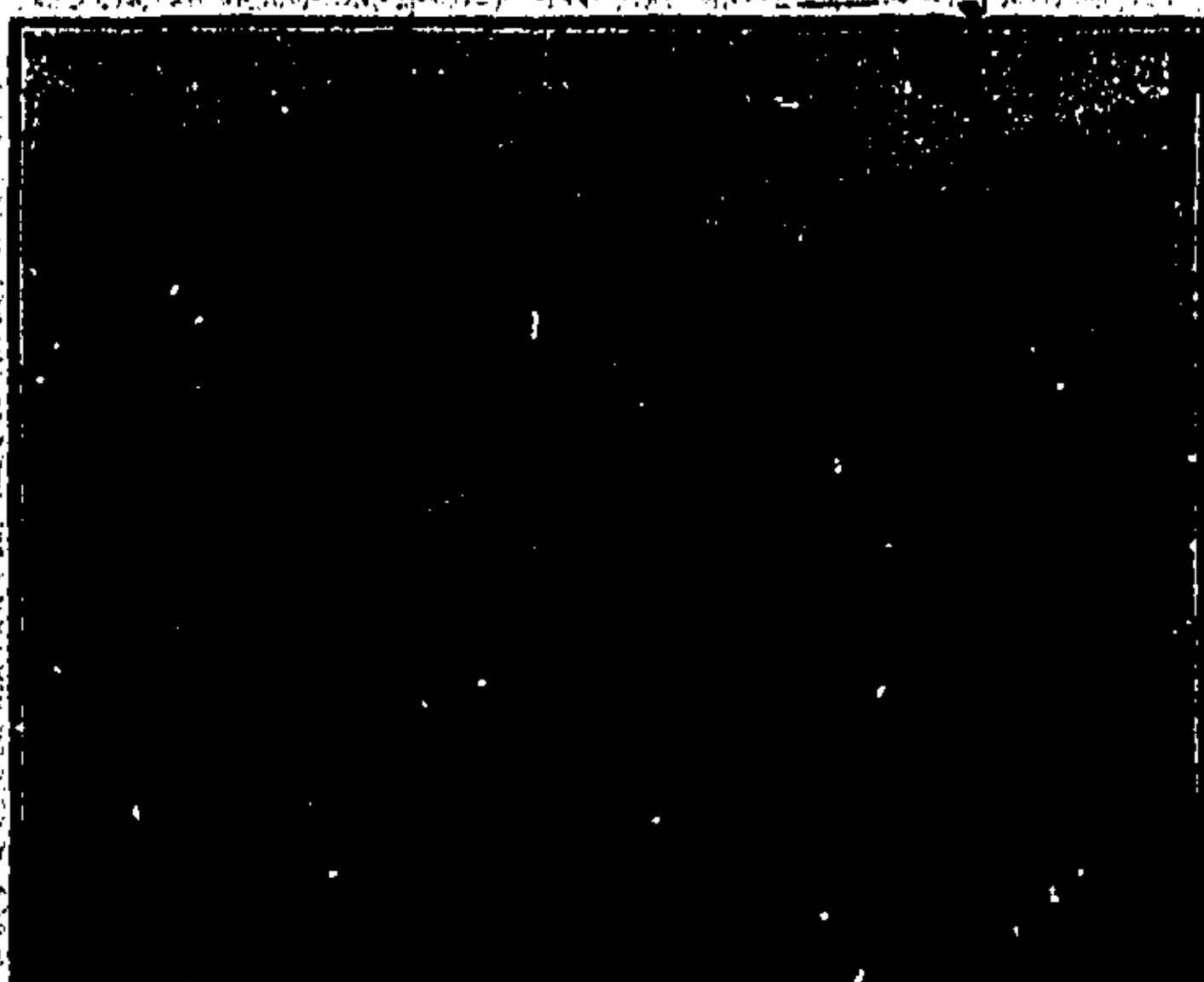
K.O.S.B. GUARD OF HONOUR.—The Guard of Honour from the 2nd Battalion the King's Own Scottish Borderers drawn up outside Queen's Pier for the departure from Hong Kong of Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.—(K. Fujiyama).



THROUGH THE ROOF.—Showing where the flames went through the King Edward Hotel building, leaving the burnt framework.—(K. Fujiyama). Another picture will appear in to-morrow's "Sunday Herald."



BOUND FOR BOMBAY.—The 1st Battalion the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment embarking on H.M.S. "Dorsetshire" at the "Wharf" when Hong Kong bid a large number of soldiers goodbye.—(K. Fujiyama).

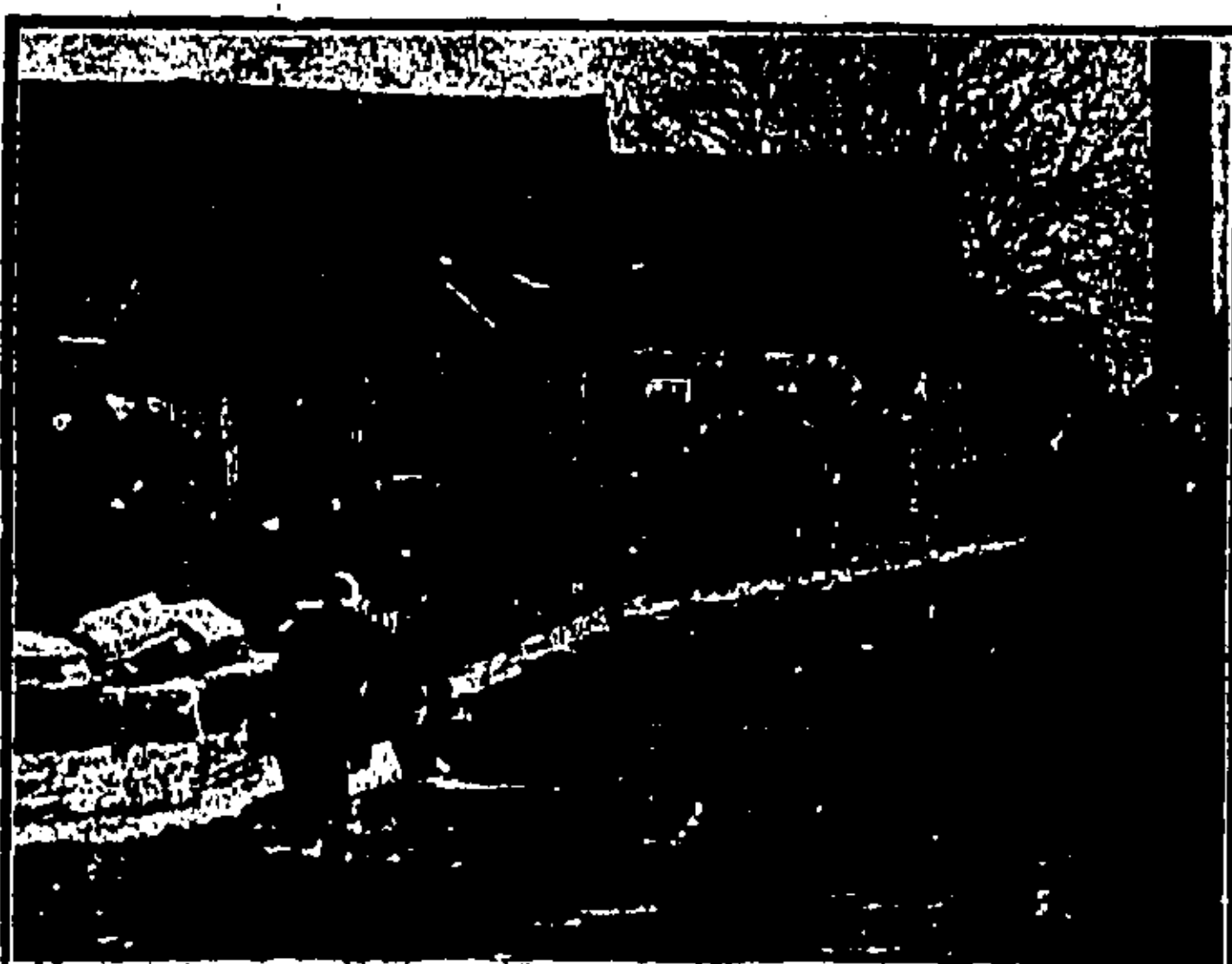


THE PHEASANT.—The Hon. Mr. W. B. Shenton's subscription to the new season of the H.K. Jockey Club after winning the Stanley Stakes (one mile) at the H.K. Jockey Club's 1st extra meeting, ridden by Mr. A. F. Clark.—(K. Fujiyama).

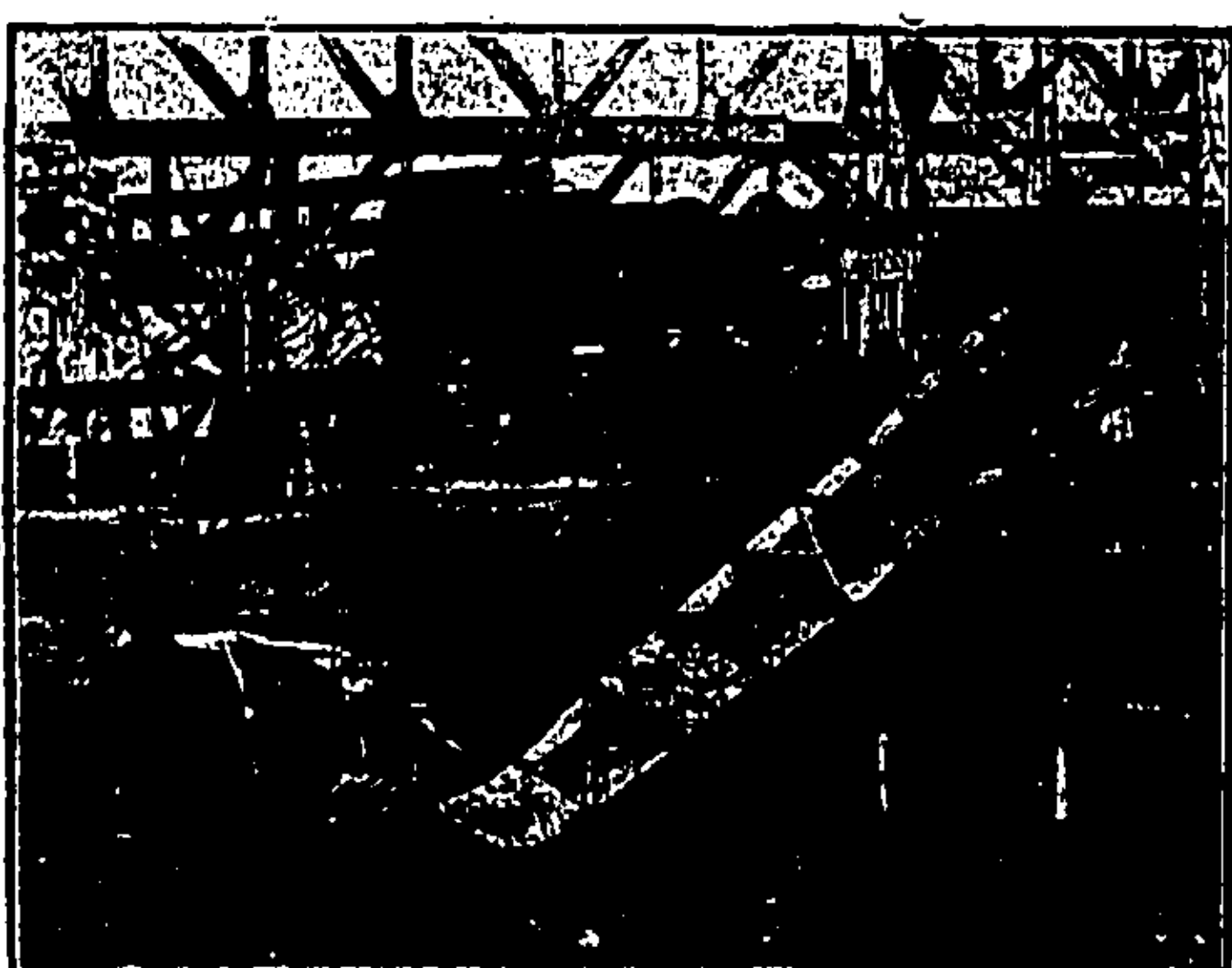
OUR HOMESIDE PICTURE SERVICE.



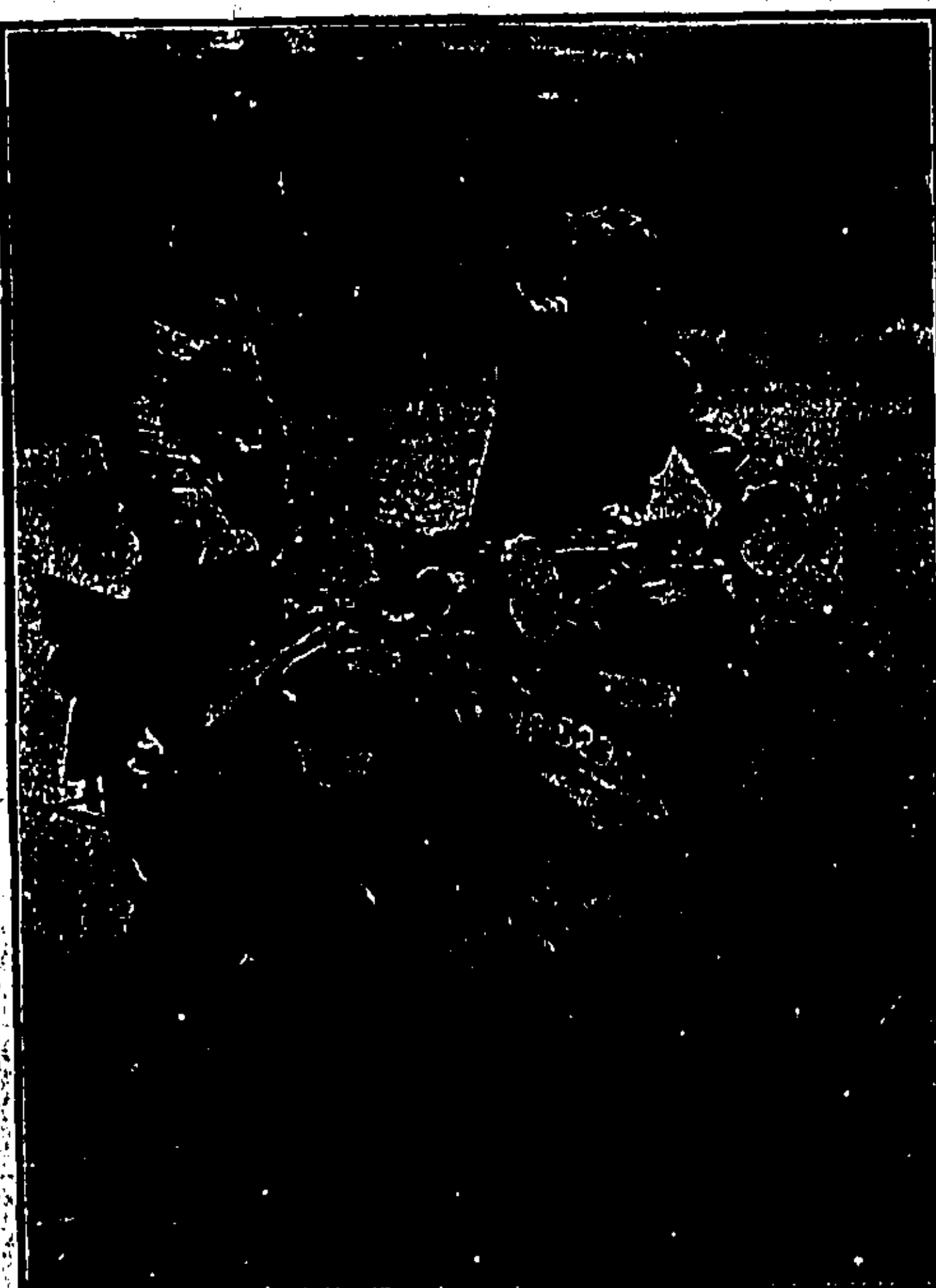
H.R.H. THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER.—Out hunting, attending the meet of the Belvoir Foxhounds at Thorpe Arnold, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. His Royal Highness appears in this photo after a hard run.—(Sport and General).



SHROVETIDE COMMUNITY FOOTBALL.—The 700-years-old custom at Ashbourne, Derbyshire, on Feb. 12. The whole village took part in the game which progressed through streets, lanes and rivers, the respective goals, two water mills, being three miles apart. Combatants are seen in the river working the ball down. In some places the ice was broken to keep the game going.—(Sport and General).



SOUTHERN RAILWAY MAIN LINES BLOCKED.—A crane collapsing near Lewisham Junction, London, about midnight on Feb. 10 delayed all trains on the London-Dover line of the Southern Railway. Our picture shows the jib of the crane in the garden.—(Sport and General).



MOTOR-CYCLING FOR A PAGER.—The Misses Betty and Nancy Debenham sent off on lightweight machines to try to travel 2,000 miles on nothing as the outcome of a discussion on the chances of modern motoring. They are seen starting from Tottenham Court road, London.—(Sport and General).



H.M. KING GEORGE LEAVING BUCKINGHAM PALACE IN A SPECIAL AMBULANCE FOR CRAIGWELL HOUSE, BOGNOR, SUSSEX, FOR THE FIRST STAGES OF HIS CONVALESCENCE. CROWDS GATHERED TO CHEER AND WATCH HIS DEPARTURE.—The ambulance containing the King leaving Buckingham Palace.—(Sport and General).



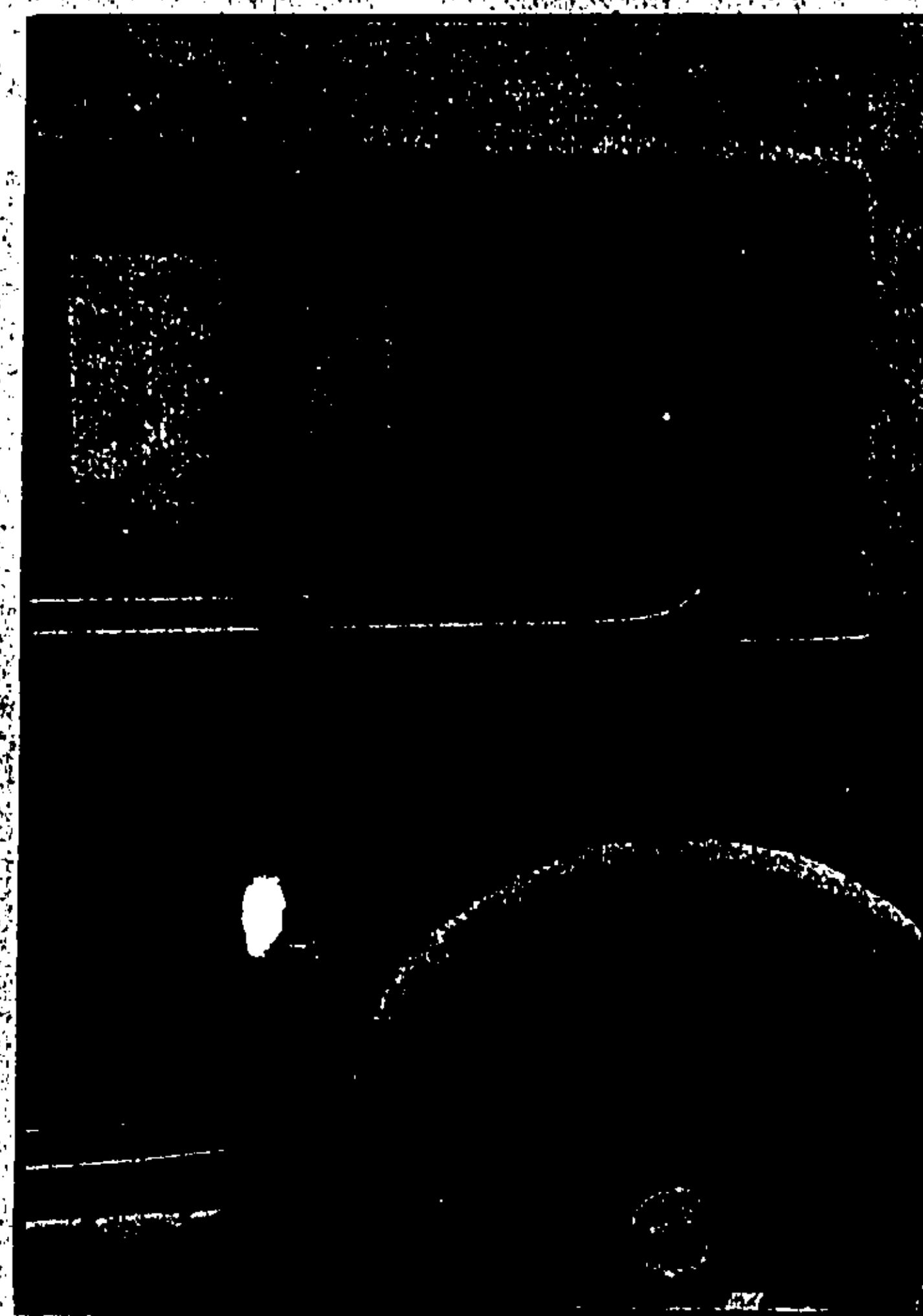
PRIVATE MONOPLANE.—OF U.S. millionaire, Mr. Van Lear Black, on which he left England for China and elsewhere on business.—(Sport and General).



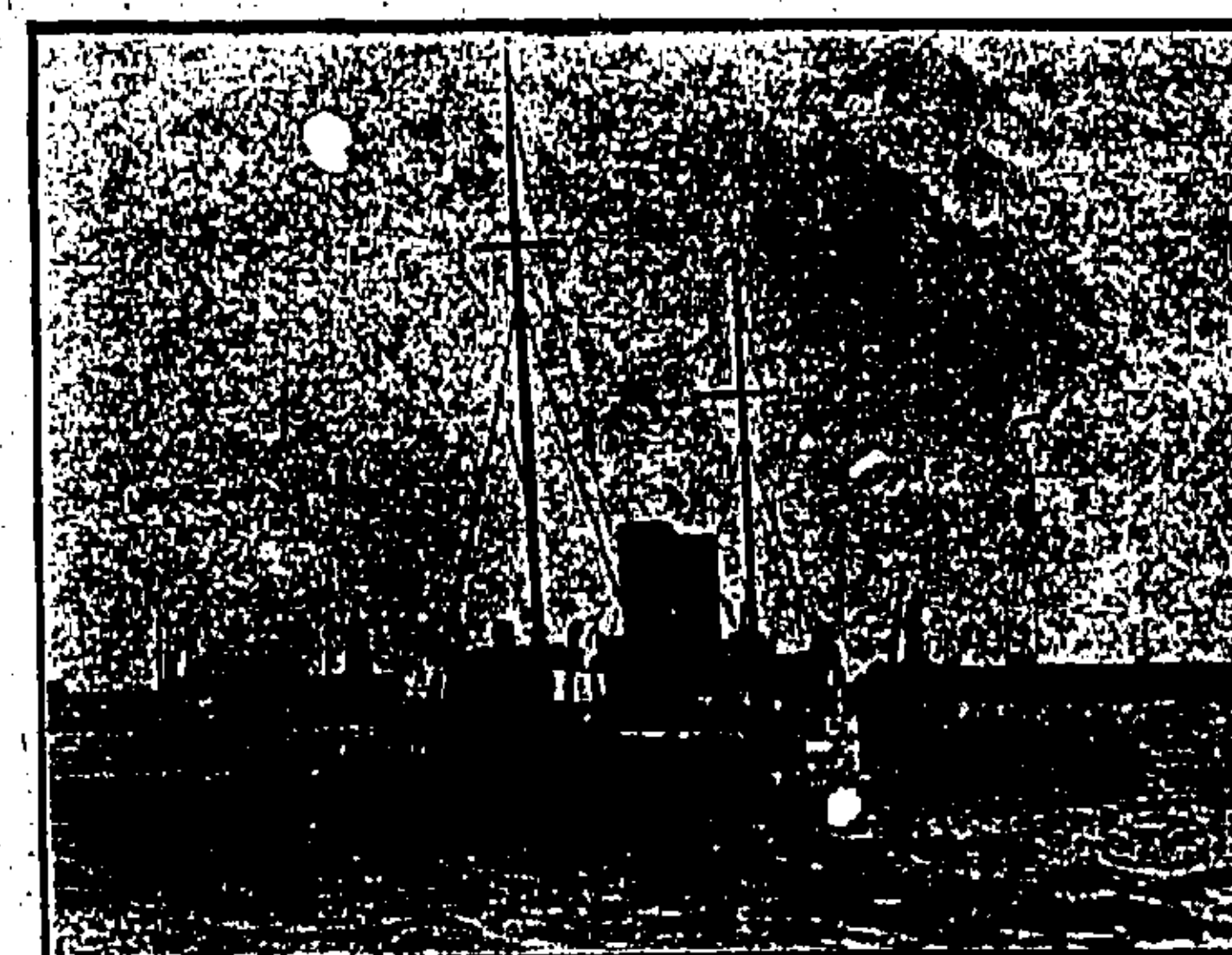
GENERAL BOOTH.—Photo taken at his home at Hadley Wood, illustrating progress towards complete recovery. He is seen here with his daughter, Catherine Booth.—(Sport and General).



THE "BERENGARIA."—Fitting the new 55-ton rudder in dry dock at Southampton.—(Sport and General).



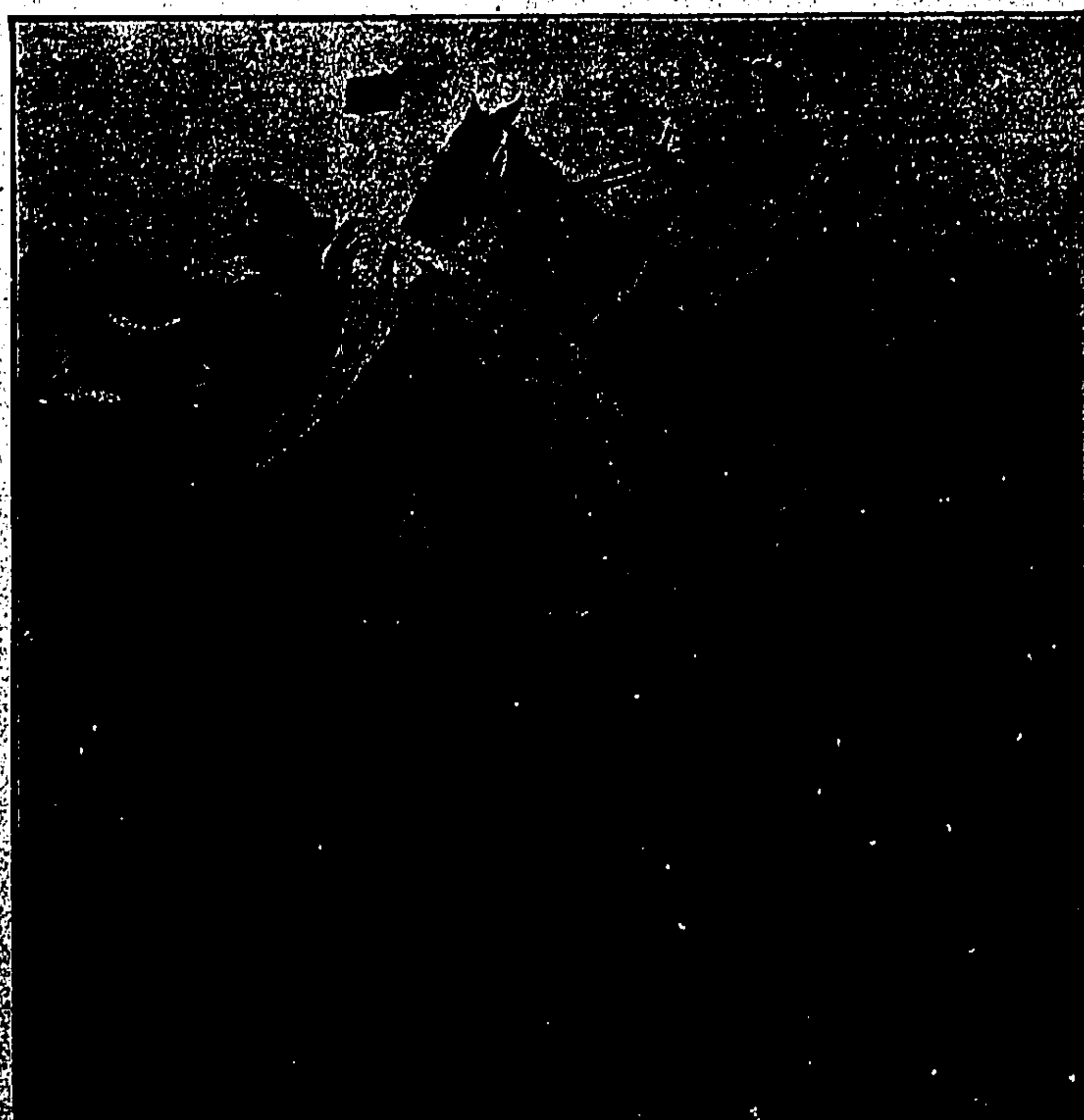
KING'S CONVALESCENCE.—H.M. the Queen leaving Buckingham Palace just after the King's departure.—(Sport and General).



"VILLE DE LIEGE."—Belgian steamer on rocks at Dover harbour, seen at half-tide on Feb. 12 after the storm.—(Sport and General).



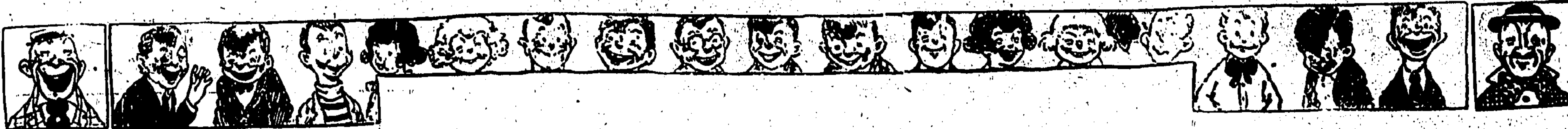
ARCTIC WEATHER AT HOME.—Fantastic scenes at the London docks, where steamers arrived at Billingsgate Market covered in ice last month when Europe was snow-bound. Photo shows the ice being chipped away from a steamer from the North Sea.—(Sport and General).



A SPECTACULAR DINNER.—The dinner given by the Lord Mayor of London at the Guildhall on Feb. 12. The picture shows the Lord Mayor, Sir George Peck, seated at the head of the table, with the Lord Alderman, Sir John Lubbock, seated next to him. The Lord Mayor is seen in the foreground, and the Lord Alderman is seen in the background. The scene is a formal dinner party.



STANDING BY THE BERENGARIA.—The ship 'Berengaria' at Southampton. The ship is seen from the side, and the water is dark. The ship is docked at a pier, and a crowd of people is visible in the foreground.



PROMPT REPAIRS

FIAT GARAGE
67A, 67B, Des Voeux Rd. C.
Tel. C. 4821.

"CHINA" LADIES' HAIR DRESSING SALOON.

Head Office:—25, Des Voeux Road
Central. Tel. C. 6234.
First Branch:—
No. 5, D'Agular Street.
(For Ladies only)
(Telephone No. C. 6234)
Second Branch:—
No. 22, Queen's Road Central.
(For Ladies & Gents.)
(Rear Ground floor of
Kamamally Building).
Your Visit is cordially welcomed
when you will see that our Train-
ed Female Hair Dressers give
you every satisfaction.
Business Hours:—
8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weeks days.
12 noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

PHOTO-SUPPLIES

Kodaks and Cameras.
Films, Plates and Papers, etc.
Developing, Printing and
Enlarging.

**ZIESS and BUSCH
FIELD GLASSES**

Price Moderate.

A Trial Order is Solicited.

A. SEK & CO.

Tel. No. C. 3459.
26A, Des Voeux Road C,
Hong Kong.

NOTICE TO SHIPOWNERS, MASTERS & AGENTS.

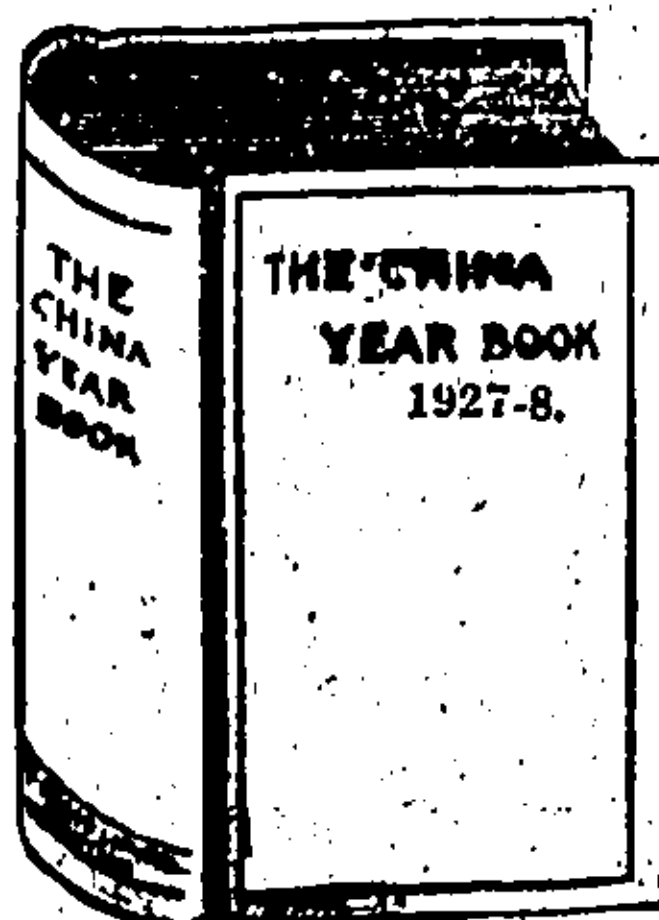
The Yuen Wo Seamen's
Institute always has men
available to ship as watch-
men, seamen, &c.

Our men are employed
by the leading passenger
lines. We guarantee satis-
faction.

Please phone or call:—
K.661—No. 2, Saigon
Street, Yaumati or
C.2560—No. 36, Tung
Man Street.

For facts and figures
concerning the trade
and commerce of China

Consult.



Obtainable at:

KELLY & WALSH, LTD.,
HONG KONG.

PRICE \$15.00.

Rosie's BEAU

Geo. McManus



Bringing Up Father



OUR WEEKLY SERMON

"China Mail" Searches The Globe For Messages

XXIV.—THE GLORIOUS THEME

[By Mrs. Booth]

In Conversion the great fact is Christ's availing sacrifice for us; in Sanctification the great fact is that, because of His sacrifice for us, our hearts are moved to sacrifice in return.

I am addressing myself to you who rejoice in the forgiveness of your sins. The cross which the Holy Spirit now urges you to take up, like the cross of Jesus, is to be borne not for yourself but to help others. Your greatest joy in the possession of the indwelling Christ will be that Jesus may be seen in you; His life, character, and conduct be displayed anew before the eyes of sinners. What a striking contrast! When as a sinner you looked to Jesus and were saved, you saw Him uplifted on the cross for you. But in seeking Full Salvation, you deliver yourself up to God that He may do as He will with you. He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren (1 John iii. 16).

A Beautiful Truth
"Without Him," says the General, "we can do nothing; and without us—'I say it in reverent love—He, too, can do nothing.' In the first century after Christ, Bishop Clement, in a terse sentence, expressed this same truth beautifully: 'God the lover of man clothes Himself with man to the attainment of the Salvation of men.'"

This, then, to further God's plan for the Salvation of men—is the true aim of Holiness. But this vital characteristic of Holiness, cross-bearing for the sake of others, is often altogether lost sight of. Many earnest seekers, who say that they desire the Blessing of a Clean Heart (Holiness), come to God merely seeking peace, deliverance, "power," strength to overcome some humiliating temptation before which they habitually fall. They seek Holiness for their own sakes, and the very reason of their failure to attain this Blessing lies in their desire to lead a holy life for personal satisfaction or safety!

A distracted mother was among the seekers for Holiness in one of my recent meetings, and I found that this needy soul had no knowledge of the fact that God desired her to bear her cross for Him. Broken-hearted because in fits of ill-temper, she was unkind to her little children, one of whom was a cripple, she came to seek deliverance from bad temper. Every real mother, who fails in that way, must long to be delivered from such a temper; but that kind of motive is not, in itself, true desire for Holiness; rather it is the urge to supply our own lack, to secure what we want, and so bring about our own happiness, or at least lose that unhappy sense of dissatisfaction with ourselves.

The beautiful mystery about Sanctification is that One stronger than ourselves comes in and takes possession; and that we may be without blame is not, in itself, a motive pure enough to woo the indwelling Christ into our hearts. That dear mother, and all who are tempted in like manner, needed not merely deliverance from ill-temper, but the Risen Christ within. With His sweet presence in her heart, annoyances would be without power to make her lose her temper.

Overcome Self
To all who desire to overcome self, I would say, look not upon your own failures, but upon the Risen Christ, and desire Him in all His beauty. You desire to overcome? Do you, in like measure, desire the Christ Himself? Speaking of the miracle which took place when she sought and found the Blessing of a Clean Heart, Madam Guyon said, "My heart was quite changed, God was there. I was all of a sudden so altered that I was hardly to be known either by myself or others. I found no more those troublesome faults, or that reluctance to duty, which formerly characterized me. They all disappeared, as if consumed like chaff in a great fire." A like experience may be yours.

Nothing less than the presence of the indwelling Christ can make us holy. In Him is no evil. He, the Holy One, desires to bring His purity and peace into the hearts even of those farthest off from Him. This is the Army's message of triumphant hope to the vilest and the worst who come repentant to the Cross. Our desire for them is not that they shall be able merely to testify of forgiveness of sins, but that they shall become altogether transformed—the deformity of sin shall vanish and in its place be seen the sinless Christ Himself.

A Lovely Hope
This lovely hope is a gift for you, a child, perhaps, of our dear Army, one who, as a Junior, is filled with love in response to the love of Christ for you. "Blessed" but not "saint"

fed: this is what many of our young Salvationists say of themselves to-day. Looking at them as they play in the Band, or sing with the Songsters, I am often reminded of the rich young man who was able to assure Jesus that up to the light that was his, he had kept God's commandments from his youth. "Jesus, beholding him, loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest... come, take up the cross, and follow Me" (Mark x. 21).

Only by the glorious fact of Sanctification can we be worthy of the name of Soldiers. They who are content to struggle for their own safety, using the cross of Jesus as a passport through the barriers into the heavenly kingdom, have no true zeal for the Salvation of others. They hinder God's cause. Are they rescuers of others? No! They are the lukewarm people, at best holding their own. The world would laugh if we called such Soldiers!

Have I, in these few words, made it clear that we are not called to take up the cross to benefit ourselves—for nothing that we may suffer can cleanse us from sin? We are called to be cross-bearers in order to accomplish the Father's will on earth. "He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (1 John iii. 16).

"FIRST ORGAN"

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE KUOMINTANG

MARSHAL LI CONSPICUOUS

Nanking, Yesterday.
The third national congress of the Kuomintang opened at 10.30 a.m. and closed at 11.15 a.m.

The most conspicuous arrival was Marshal Li Chai-sum of Canton, who was the target of the camera-men.

Prior to the opening of the ceremony, the acting General Secretary of the Congress (Mr. Yeh Chutang) announced that 211 delegates were present, making a quorum, also that Mr. Hu Han-min had been elected temporary chairman.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek sat alone in the front row seats, busily scanning the manifesto he issued to-day in connection with the abolition of the Generalissimo.

Party's Programme
Mr. Hu Han-min was applauded when he took the chair. He delivered the opening address, which he stated that the Congress was the first organ of the Nationalist Party in all matters in connection with China's foreign affairs, and that military and political affairs would also be decided by the Congress, which will supervise the carrying out of the Party's programme.

Mr. Hu Han-min stated that although the country had been unified in many ways the Government and the Party had not been able to carry out their programme and it was therefore urgently necessary that the delegates should use their united efforts to bring about complete unification in fact, as well as in name. They should use their time for the discussion of the solution of vital problems and not waste it on petty issues.

Nanking En Fete
It is understood that there will be a preparatory conference this afternoon, continuing for the next four days for the election of a chairman, a committee and a number of sub-committees, which will examine the proposals to be brought to the attention of the Congress.

The Congress is expected to last more than a fortnight. The proceedings have been very orderly.

Nanking is bedecked and aeroplanes flew over the auditorium during the ceremony.

The first business session of the Kuomintang Congress, was held this morning. It is learned there was also a committee meeting this afternoon, for the purpose of examining the credentials of the delegates, and a similar meeting will be held to-morrow.

It is reported that it is considered unnecessary to hold any preparatory conference for the election of personnel to the committee, which will be the same as proposed by the Central Executive Committee, including Mr. Han-min, Tan Yen-kai, Li Shih-teung, Tsai Yuan-pai, Chang Ching-ling, Chiang Kai-shek and others.

Chiang's Manifesto
Chiang Kai-shek originally intended to leave a manifesto dealing with the abolition of the head of the National Group Army, and the opening of the Congress, but he later decided to leave the manifesto until after the Congress had opened.

HOTEL CATASTROPHE SEQUEL

INQUIRY OPENED

NATURE OUTLINED TO JURY BY CORONER

VISIT TO THE SCENE

An inquiry into the death of Mr. William Woods, of the W. E. Woods Co., Wellington, New Zealand (owners of the Great Woods Peppermint Cure), who perished in the King Edward Hotel fire on Monday, was opened by Mr. E. W. Hamilton and a Coroner's jury at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo watched the proceedings in the interest of Mr. J. H. Wittell, licensee of the King Edward Hotel; Mr. Leo d'Almada a Castro, jun., for the proprietors of the 'King Edward Hotel'; Mr. Lee Hon-chi for the China Land Investment Co., Ltd., owners of the King Edward Hotel Building; and Mr. A. E. Hall for Messrs. Tsung Shu-lin and Young Chit-keong, respectively the manager and assistant manager of the King Edward Hotel.

A Juror Released
Mr. John Fleming was the first name called to serve on the jury. He informed the Coroner that he was a Director of the China Land Investment Co., Ltd., holding 50,000 shares out of a capital of \$279,000 and claimed dispensation on that ground.

His Worship agreed to dispense with Mr. Fleming's services. The jury was then constituted as follows:—

Mr. N. S. Brown (foreman), Mr. C. Little and Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy.

Scope of Inquiry
Mr. Brown asked to be informed as to the nature of the proceedings. Was it going to be merely a police inquiry into the death of Mr. Woods, or would it assume a wider scope.

Mr. Hamilton said that first of all the jury would have to determine the circumstances of Mr. Woods' death, but the inquiry would also cover the whole question of the fire at King Edward Hotel on Monday, going into its cause, history, constructional questions, and Fire Brigade questions, on which the jury would have to give their findings in the form of riders.

His Worship added that in this inquiry he proposed to follow the procedure carried out by Mr. J. R. Wood when he sat as Coroner in the inquiry in connection with the race course fire.

Insurance Man as Juror
Mr. Brown said that he was interested in the King Edward Hotel fire from the point of view of insurance, and he was mentioning that to clear any possible misunderstanding.

The Coroner said that he was sure that his interest in the insurance question would not weigh with Mr. Brown, and remarked that as an insurance man Mr. Brown could be of assistance to them.

Mr. Brown said that he was willing to serve if his position was understood.

Sympathy With Relatives
Before the opening of the inquiry, Mr. Leo d'Almada a Castro, jun., said that he had been instructed to take that first opportunity to express publicly the very great regret of the proprietors of the King Edward Hotel for the occurrence in which Mr. Woods lost his life, and to express deep sympathy with his relatives, as well as the relatives of others who had lost their lives in the fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Robson, Mr. Seth, Mr. Kish and in this instance sympathy was also extended to the American Naval authorities, Mr. Baile, Mr. Chung (secretary to General Chan Ming-shu), Mrs. Tsui, Mr. Wong and Leung Kwan.

Regret was also expressed by counsel for the inquiry sustained by General Chan Ming-shu, Madame Chan, Mr. Piccioli and Mr. Ng, as the result of the fire.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo said that he wished, on behalf of Mr. J. H. Wittell to associate himself with Mr. d'Almada's remarks.

Mr. d'Almada added that he wished also to express thanks to the Fire Brigade for their gallant efforts in connection with the fire, and to those civilians who helped the Fire Brigade in their work.

Mr. Hamilton then said that he proposed that afternoon to take only evidence of the finding of the body, its transfer and identification after which the Court would adjourn to the hotel to examine the premises.

Finding of the Body
Police Lance Sergeant F. W. Allen was the first witness called. He said that on the early morning of March 11, he was on duty in the vicinity of the Government offices in Lower Albert Road, when he heard the screams of police whistles at about 7 a.m. He proceeded in the direction of the sound and found the King Edward Hotel on fire.

He said that he saw the body of Mr. Woods lying on the verandah of the hotel, and that he was the first to discover it.

It was between 8 and 7 a.m. Witness entered the King Edward Hotel through a hole made on the ground floor party wall between the King Edward Hotel and the Hotel Savoy. He found the body on the verandah of the first room from the party wall on the top floor, facing Ice House-street. The witness had walked the whole length of the verandah and was returning when he noticed the body. Its feet were towards the verandah edge and the head towards the room.

Witness formed the opinion that Mr. Woods had been holding to the verandah parapet when he was overcome and then fell backward. The tongue was sticking out between the teeth, the body was badly burned, and the intestines were protruding. Witness reported his discovery to Sergeant Dick.

Sergeant J. S. Dick said that after he had been shown the body by the last witness, he reported to Mr. Moss of the Fire Brigade.

Mr. G. C. Moss, Station Officer of the Central Fire Station, also spoke to the jury. This would be about 8 a.m. Witness was of the opinion that Mr. Woods had tried to shield himself from the flames by concealing against the partition behind the verandah door which was burned away.

Sanitary coolies took the body to the ground floor where it was placed in a coffin and taken charge of by Mr. Frith of the Sanitary Department.

Taken to Mortuary
Chief Inspector C. E. Frith of the Sanitary Department deposed to taking charge of the body after it had been taken down to the ground floor under the supervision of Mr. Moss. It was placed in a coffin and then put in the dead van to be taken to the mortuary.

Witness gave the van driver a chit in which he wrote—"The body of Mr. Woods of Wellington, New Zealand." Witness did not himself know Mr. Woods, but Police Sub-Inspector Nicols told him that he thought that was the body of Mr. Woods.

"The Fifth Degree"
Dr. Alexander Cannon, medical officer in charge of Victoria Mortuary said that at about noon on March 11 he held a post mortem examination on a body which he personally could not identify as that of a European or otherwise, as the burning was to the extent of the fifth degree. By that he meant that the faces and the muscles had all been charred.

However, Sub-Inspector Nicols said that he thought, without any reasonable doubt, that he could identify the body as that of Mr. Woods of the Peppermint Cure, Australia.

In the witness's opinion the primary cause of death was burning, and secondarily shock and asphyxia. Owing to the state of the burning, it was impossible to say anything as to the physical condition of the body. Besides Sub-Inspector Nicols, no one else identified the body in the witness's presence.

The Coroner asked if in the witness's opinion the unfortunate man had been asphyxiated before he was burned.

Dr. Cannon replied that he could not give any opinion on the matter. He explained that up to the third degree of burning, and sometimes even up to the fourth degree, one could form an opinion, but when a person was burned to the fifth degree it was impossible to say.

Burning Painless
Witness added, however, that according to one of the greatest authorities asphyxia occurred at an early stage and the burning was almost painless, because even if asphyxia was not complete, unconsciousness was almost certain to occur.

Sub-Inspector A. Nicols said that he was present at the fire on March 11, in the morning. He saw the body outside the Hotel Savoy, in Chater-road. It was in a coffin. The body was that of a very tall man, and with the knees and arms bent the box was a "tight fit".

The time witness did not form any opinion as to whose body it was. Subsequently he saw it at the public mortuary and then formed the definite opinion that the body was that of Mr. Woods from some firm in Australia. Witness had known Mr. Woods personally, and the last time he saw him alive was in Connaught-road Central on the morning of March 7 when Major-General Luard went away.

Mr. Woods was a very tall man whose height witness placed at between 6ft. 2½ins. and 6ft. 3ins. His age was about 54 or 55.

The Hon. Mr. T. H. King, C.S.P., said that in case there was any doubt as to the Sub-Inspector's identification, he would like to point out that when the officer first saw the body it had some covering, but it was uncovered when he saw it later in the mortuary.

Sub-Inspector Nicols mentioned that when being removed from the scene of the fire the body was covered with a blanket.

Replying to the Coroner, Detective Inspector Lane said that Mr. Wittell also saw the body at the mortuary, but not in the presence of Dr. Cannon. He also formed the opinion that it was the body of Mr. Woods.

The jury expressed themselves as satisfied with the identification.

Further Sittings Fixed
Before the Court adjourned to review the premises, the Coroner gave an adjournment of the inquiry until 2.15 p.m., on Monday next, and gave the information that sittings would take place each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 2.15 p.m., and probably continue until 5 p.m. This would be the routine of the inquiry for the next two weeks unless they found that they were much behind.

MADRID RIOTS

MORE WINDOWS SMASHED BY STUDENTS

GOVERNMENT ACTION

Madrid, Yesterday.
The rioting students yesterday broke a shop window which exhibited a photograph of De Rivera. The police charged with drawn swords.

The Government does not regard the situation as grave, but unpleasant and intolerable, but forecasts fresh repressive measures, and attributes the student outbreaks to a "revolutionary committee," supported by anti-Spanish elements abroad.—Reuter.

QUEEN'S

THEATRE

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT FOR 2 DAYS ONLY

BILLY DEAN

THE CELEBRATED LANCASHIRE COMEDIAN

TOPSY LEE

LONDON'S MINIATURE SOPHIE TUCKER

TO-MORROW & MONDAY

AT ALL PERFORMANCES USUAL PRICES

AT-PRESENT, OUTDOOR WORK ONLY K. FUJIYAMA PHOTOGRAPHER.

S.P.C.A.

MASKED BALL

Excellent Flashlight Photographs

on view at

ANDERSON'S & MOUTRIE'S

PROMPT DELIVERY GUARANTEED

Some COLUMBIA RECORDS You Should Get Today!

ORGAN SOLOS.

4371 THE WORLD IS WAITING FOR THE SUNRISE JUST A COTTAGE SMALL

4846 DIANE MELODY

4847 JANETTE POLLY

4848 TIRED HANDS CAN'T YOU HEAR ME SAY I LOVE YOU?

4921 IN A PERSIAN MARKET IN A CHINESE TEMPLE GARDEN

The Anderson Music Co., Ltd.

Just for Once

Insist on SIMONDS' "MILK STOUT" you will insist always after that. And you'll never want to miss it when you've tried it once. It's a revelation—nourishing, creamy, tonic, invigorating. So say "MILK STOUT."

Each Pint contains the energising carbohydrates of 10 ozs. pure Dairy Milk.

Sole Agents:—
CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO., LTD.
(Incorporated under the Companies' Ordinances of Hong Kong).
Prince's Building. Tel. C. 73.

BEST DUTCH CIGARS.

Manufactured by:
ROYAL "TRIO" CIGAR WORKS AMSTERDAM.

Sole Agents:—
TABAQUERIA FILIPINA
Asiatic Building, Queen's Road C.

CHOY HEONG
MANUFACTURER OF PRESERVED GINGER AND FRUIT.

Established For More Than Forty Years.
Office:—No. 90, Bonham Street, Hong Kong. Tel. C. 1424.
Factory:—1A, Sham Chun Street, Mongkok. Tel. K. 400.

MARTELL'S BRANDIES.

V. S. O. P.

BOTTLED IN COGNAC AND GUARANTEED PURE GRAPE BRANDY BY MARTELL & CO.

THREE STAR

V. V. S. O. P.

SOLE AGENTS
GANDE, PRICE & CO. LTD.
WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS
81, GEORGE STREET, HONG KONG.
Tel. C. 135.

A BOON TO CHINA MAIL SUBSCRIBERS

SUBSCRIBERS

TO THE

CHINA MAIL

CAN OBTAIN THROUGH
USNEW OR SECOND
HAND BOOKS

AT

COST PRICE

PLUS POSTAGE & 10 %

BIOGRAPHIES, ESSAYS, WORKS
OF REFERENCE, ENCYCLOPÆ-
DIAS, BOOKS ON ART, TECHNI-
CAL BOOKS, MEDICAL BOOKS,
FICTION, ETC., ETC.

For further particulars apply to the "China Mail" Office.

G. FALCONER & CO., (HONG KONG) LTD.

WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS
DIAMOND MERCHANTS.

Union Building (Opposite G.P.O.)

Agents for:—ADMIRALTY CHARTS,
ROSS'S BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES,
KELVIN'S NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,
ENGLISH SILVERWARE, direct from Manufacturers.
High Class English Jewellery.

SHOWING AGAIN AT THE QUEEN'S!



With

JANET GAYNOR, CHARLES FARRELL.
TUESDAY NEXT FOR ONE
DAY ONLY

LYPTROL

Stronger than Carbolic yet non-
poisonous, non-corrosive. Delic-
iously fragrant.The only really safe DIS-
INFECTANT where there are
children.

Obtainable at all Dispensaries

Sole Agents:—

LYEN BROTHERS,
Phone C. 3313. China Bldg.

BEAR

Pure and Wholesome

BRAND

No Better Milk Produced

BUILDS

More sold than other milks

BETTER

Because of its superiority

BABIES

Sole Agents for Hong Kong and South China

A. B. MOULDER & CO., LTD.
China Building,
Hong Kong.

THEOSOPHY

SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF
LOCAL LODGE

SOCIAL GATHERING

On Thursday evening the Hong Kong Lodge of the Theosophical Society celebrated its sixth anniversary with a social gathering of its members and friends at the Theosophical Headquarters, Mercantile Bank Building, Bro. J. Russel, President and Chairman, opened the happy function with words of welcome. This, at his request, was followed by

Quiet meditation and prayer for peace and light for the souls of those who perished in the recent great fire.

After referring with regret to the temporary absence from the Colony of Bro. M. Manuk, the Presidential Agent for China, he pronounced the yearly invocation in which all joined:

"May those who are the embodiment of love immortal, bless with their protection this Society established to do their will on earth. May they ever guard it by their power, inspire it by their wisdom, and energise it by their activity."

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's report was presented by Mrs. Mabel May, and stated that 90 meetings were held during the year under review, comprising public lectures, members' classes with following Star meetings, Committee and General meetings. The old Duddell Street Lodge so kindly provided free of charge for several years by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Buttonez, having proved inadequate for the increased activities of the Mother Lodge and its affiliated offshoots, the present new and more spacious premises were occupied on October 1. In spite of the numerous departures of members for home, the new members who joined the Lodge had brought the total up to the standard and even to a slight increase in membership. The Library was made good use of.

An inspiring address by Bro. H. E. Laneport, the head of the Theosophical Order of Service in China, followed, in which he referred to the half a century of herculean work for the spiritual regeneration of the world which lay behind the Theosophical Society, and also to the great work in the coming half century which the Theosophical Order of Service is destined to perform, for the quickening of evolution in the human and sub-human Kingdoms of Nature, in ever close co-opera-

tion with the super-human Kingdom, resulting in a world-wide intelligent co-operation, a world-wide service and in the recognition of the sanctity of life in all forms. He urged all to become intelligent co-operators with the forces of evolution in The Great Plan.

Bro. George W. May, the Vice-President, in his address, referred to the existing Lodges in China as lighthouses, and gave expression to the hope that before long new Lodges also in the interior of China would spring up. It was wonderful to understand Theosophy and to realise the full meaning of brotherhood. He hoped also for a Lodge composed entirely of Chinese ladies, to take the lead amongst the women of China.

Bro. B. Talati, B.A., the Hon. Treasurer, revealed the financial position of the Lodge to be as good as it could be, yet necessitating special contributions from some of

(Continued on Next Column.)



WE CLEAN PARTY FROCKS

—and all other items of the dainty feminine wardrobe, with the same painstaking care you'd use yourself. Our charges are so reasonable it's really a great economy. Call on us.

THE STEAM LAUNDRY CO.

HEAD OFFICE & WORKS:

Mongkok, Tel. K. 32.

HONG KONG DEPOT:

15 Stanley St., Tel. C. 1279.

KOWLOON HOTEL DEPOT.

PEAK HOTEL DEPOT.

HONG KONG HOTEL (Visitors only).

PENINSULA HOTEL (Visitors only).

Write or Phone for complete Price List.

DR. MOTT

ADDRESS TO RETURNED
STUDENTS

GOOD FELLOWSHIP

Members of the League of Good Fellowship were entertained at a tea party given by the European American Returned Students Association at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday afternoon, at which Dr. John R. Mott, internationally known for his work as Secretary of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. in America, was the guest of honour.

Mr. Y. P. Law, President of the Returned Students Association, presided, and in extending a welcome to their guest of honour, expressed their appreciation of his presence and also the hope that the example set by Dr. Mott, in his being so encouraging to their young Society, would be followed by many others, no less famous than himself.

He would also take the opportunity to welcome their guests from the League of Good Fellowship. To bring about better mutual understanding between East and West was not incompatible with the spirit of their Society, and that such a well-known advocate like Dr. Mott should have been their first guest was undoubtedly a great honour.

A Former Visit

Replying, Dr. Mott said he felt much at home amongst the gathering comprising, as it did, many old friends and representatives of those whom he had met in different parts of the world. He found himself instantly in touch with them and responsive to the great objects for which they sought.

His first visit to this Colony was made 33 years ago, and speaking of the changes that had occurred since, Dr. Mott compared them with the conditions of other big centres, seeing in these conditions tendencies working in the law of progress, or at times what amounted to the law of retrogression.

At the conclusion of his address, Dr. Mott was thanked by Mr. Y. P. Law on behalf of those present, while Dr. E. W. Kirk as President of the League of Good Fellowship, also spoke on behalf of his Society.

the members to meet the increased expenditures for rent, etc.

Bro. Wei Tat, B.A., the President of the Chinese Lodge of the Theosophical Society also addressed the gathering on the happy occasion.

Ten and refreshments were served, and a renewed invocation to the great leaders of humanity by the Lodge President brought the happy gathering suitably to an end.

Last Few Nights!

Last Few Nights!!

POSITIVELY LAST PERFORMANCE
SUNDAY, 17th March.

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS and ROYAL MENAGERIE

Sited at MONGKOK (KOWLOON)

Near Lai-Chi-Rok Road

A SPECIAL GRAND GALA PERFORMANCE

Will be given in Aid of

THE TUNG WAH HOSPITAL on
SATURDAY, 16th March, at 9.15 p.m.When 50 % of the Gross Takings
will be given to the above
InstitutionThe Following Gentlemen Have Kindly Consented to be
Patrons on This Occasion.The Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Secretary for Chinese
Affairs.

The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Kt.

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kolwall, C.M.G.

The Hon. Dr. S. W. Te'o, O.B.E.

Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt.

And The Directors of THE TUNG WAH HOSPITAL.

PRICES AS USUAL

Booking and Plan at Moutrie's.

Buses and Taxis Pass the Circus Tent.

Last Ferry To Hong Kong 12.45 a.m.

SINCERE'S SALE

CLOSES

ON MONDAY

DON'T WAIT UNTIL
YOU HAVE MISSEDTHE BEST SALE
IN TOWN

COUGH LINCTUS

a sure cure for your bad cough.

COD LIVER OIL.

Cod Liver Oil and Malt Extract.

Queen's Dispensary
Pharmaceutical Chemists
22, Des Voeux Road Central.

Have your Frigidaire Now Benefit by its economy as you pay for it

IT'S so easy to have Frigidaire. A visit to our showroom, a selection of model, a small down payment and at once and forever after you'll be independent of the supply. All your foods will be better kept. You will have plenty of ice cubes for table use. You'll

wonder how you ever got along without Frigidaire.

Come in and see Frigidaire. Get prices, terms, estimates on operating cost. Prove to yourself that Frigidaire is not only a marvelous convenience, but a real economy. Call or phone for a demonstration

FRIGIDAIRE

Product of
GENERAL MOTORS

Sole Distributors for Hong Kong & South China

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

Tel. C. 1020.

Tel. C. 1020.



Cure Sore Throat

and prevent dangerous infectious diseases by taking Formamin. Give Formamin to your family too! It will destroy the germs in mouth and throat before they can do any harm.

FORMAMIN

Sport Columns

THE FIFTH TEST

AUSTRALIA HANGING ON FOR RUNS

SEVENTH DAY'S PLAY

Australia hung on grimly yesterday—the seventh day—to get the 286 runs required for victory in the Fifth Test Match at Melbourne.

During the day (which was cut short by falling light) she collected only 166 runs and lost four batsmen in doing so. When stumps were drawn yesterday she required 143 runs more to win, with six wickets in hand.

After the lunch interval, Woodfull (the unbowled) went in to partner Oldfield (then 31 not out) with the total at 51 for one wicket.

The attendance had increased to 20,000 and there was great excitement among the women, who were largely represented.

The "Unbowled" Bowled
All four batsmen dismissed were bowled, Hammond claiming three scalps. His third victim was Woodfull. The ball nipped back and hit the stump. This was the first time that the "unbowled" had been bowled in first-class cricket since the last Test at the Oval in 1926 (in which England recovered "the Ashes") when Wilfred Rhodes, the veteran, dismissed him in the same way.

When the score was 158 Geary relieved Hammond with the ball—the latter had been using the "spot" in the pitch and making the ball get up—and Geary drew blood with his third ball, beating Jackson.

Kippax and Ryder then exercised the utmost care in the falling light and held on until stumps were drawn for the day. Scores at close of play:—

ENGLAND—1ST INNINGS

J. B. Hobbs, l.b.w., b. Ryder	142
D. R. Jardine, c. Oldfield, b. Wall	19
W. R. Hammond, c. Fairfax, b. Wall	38
E. Tyldesley, c. Hornibrook, b. Ryder	31
G. Duckworth, c. Fairfax, b. Hornibrook	12
E. Hendren, c. Hornibrook, b. Fairfax	95
M. Leyland, c. Fairfax, b. Oxenham	137
H. Larwood, b. Wall	4
G. Geary, b. Hornibrook	4
M. W. Tate, c. substitute, b. Hornibrook	15
J. C. White, not out	9
Extras	13

Total	519
Fall of wickets: 1 for 64 runs (Jardine), 2 for 146 (Hammond), 3 for 235 (Hobbs), 4 for 240 (Tyldesley), 5 for 260 (Duckworth), 6 for 401 (Hendren), 7 for 409 (Larwood), 8 for 428 (Geary), 9 for 470 (Tate), 10 for 519 (Leyland).	

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

W. R. Hammond	49	8	123	3
Hornibrook	48	8	142	3
Oxenham	45	1	15	86
Crimmet	25	11	40	0
Fairfax	27	4	84	1
Ryder	18	5	29	2
Kippax	3	1	2	0

AUSTRALIA—1ST INNINGS

W. M. Woodfull, c. Geary, b. Larwood	102
A. Jackson, run out	80
A. F. Kippax, c. Duckworth, b. White	38
J. S. Ryder, c. Tate, b. Hammond	30
D. Bradman, c. Tate, b. Geary	123
A. Fairfax, l.b.w., b. Geary	65
R. M. Oxenham, c. Duckworth, b. Geary	7
W. A. Oldfield, c. & b. Geary	3
C. V. Grimmett, not out	88
T. Wall, c. Duckworth, b. Geary	9
P. M. Hornibrook, l.b.w., b. White	26
Extras	17

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Larwood	34	7	83	1
Tate	82	26	108	0
Geary	31	36	105	5
White	75	22	136	2
Hammond	16	8	81	1
Leyland	8	0	11	0

ENGLAND—2ND INNINGS

J. B. Hobbs, c. Fairfax, b. Grimmett	65
D. R. Jardine, c. Oldfield, b. Wall	11
H. Larwood, b. Wall	0
W. R. Hammond, c. Ryder, b. Fairfax	10
E. Tyldesley, c. Oldfield, b. Wall	21
E. Hendren, b. Grimmett	1
M. Leyland, not out	53

M. W. Tate, c. Fairfax, b. Hornibrook	54
G. Geary, b. Wall	3
J. C. White, c. Oxenham, b. Wall	4
G. Duckworth, l.b.w., b. Oxenham	9
Extras	20

Total	257
Fall of wickets:—1 for 1 run (Jardine), 2 for 19 (Larwood), 3 for 75 (Hammond), for 113 (Hobbs), 5 for 123 (Hendren), 6 for 131 (Leyland), 7 for 212 (Tate), 8 for 217 (Geary), 9 for 231 (White), 10 for 257 (Duckworth).	

W. A. Oldfield, b. Hammond	48
P. M. Hornibrook, b. Hammond	18
W. M. Woodfull, b. Hammond	35
A. Jackson, b. Geary	46
A. F. Kippax, not out	12
J. S. Ryder, not out	8
Extras	6

AUSTRALIA—2ND INNINGS

W. A. Oldfield, b. Hammond	48
P. M. Hornibrook, b. Hammond	18
W. M. Woodfull, b. Hammond	35
A. Jackson, b. Geary	46
A. F. Kippax, not out	12
J. S. Ryder, not out	8
Extras	6

CHAPMAN INTERVIEWED

Tribute to Hammond's Prowess: "Happy Family"

Melbourne, Yesterday.
A. P. F. Chapman, the M.C.C. captain, interviewed by Reuter, said the wonderfully happy family spirit was largely responsible for the success of the tour and absence of quarrels.

He paid a tribute to the tact of Mr. F. C. Toone of Yorkshire, the manager, and ability of J. C. White, both as bowler and as vice-captain. Ryder and his men had played the games in the most sporting spirit. The only jarring notes were, the Kippax incident of December 14, and Larwood on March 2 had been made too much of.

LENGTH OF TESTS

He mentioned Hammond's prowess, saying he had always subordinated his natural game to the interests of the side; and paid tribute to Larwood, Tate, Duckworth, Hobbs and Sutcliffe.

He suggested that the Tests in future be limited to five days, and two hours on the sixth if a result were possible.

He adversely criticised the eight ball over.

He thanked all for unfailing courtesy and kindness, concluding:—"I am the happiest of men. Naturally I should like to see England finish undefeated."—Reuter.

LAWN TENNIS

RESULTS IN TOURNAMENT AT H.K.C.C.

The results of yesterday's games in the H.K.C.C. tennis tournament were as follows:

Open Singles.—L. Goldman beat J. G. Lawrie 6-4, 6-3, 1-6, 8-6.

Club Championship.—G. W. Sewell beat Lieut. Col. Wyatt 6-2, 6-3.

Handicap Singles "A"—J. A. Summers (rec. 2/6) beat D. H. Hazell (owe 15/1) 6-1, 6-4; Lieut. D. Smith (rec. 2/8) beat W. L. Dunbar (rec. 6-8, 6-2, 6-2).

Handicap Singles "B"—W. A. Stewart (rec. 5/6) beat J. M. Norrie (rec. 4/6) 9-7, 6-1.

Mixed Doubles.—L. Forster and Mrs. Stark (owe 15) beat J. Barrow and Miss Hancock (rec. 3/6) 6-2, 6-1; Lieut. D. Smith and Mrs. Smith (owe 4/6) received a walk over from Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Owen.

Chinese R.C. to Meet U.S.R.C. Team
A series of attractive tennis matches will be played on the Chinese Recreation Club ground tomorrow afternoon, when the Club will entertain a team from the United Services Recreation Club, as well as an exponent of repute from the U.S.S. "Milwaukee."

The Chinese will play a team of six of their strongest men against a combination drawn from among the members of the U.S.R.C., who will be represented by some of the best players in the Colony. The hosts will be represented by M. K. and M. W. Lo, Ng Sze-kwong and Ho Ka-lau, Horace Lo and Lu Tak-chau.

At the same time a match will be played between Commander C. C. Gill, of the U.S.S. "Milwaukee," and T. Honda, the holder of the Singles Championship of the Colony. Commander Gill played during the fleet's visit to Manila and made a great impression.

The Club match is due to start at 2.30 p.m. and the singles at 3.30.

SEGRAVE'S FEAT

GLORIOUS TRIBUTE FROM "THE PRINCE"

A VERY BRAVE MAN!

London, Yesterday.

The Prince of Wales, speaking at the Institute of Transport last night, paid a glowing tribute to Major Segrave's great achievement.

The Prince said:—"Major Segrave had already two years ago put up a record, and it was not as if he was new to the game. He knew what it was. He left this country with a car he had never been able to try out. I am sure all of us take off our hats to him—a very brave man, and a very fine sportsman. We can only sympathise with him that the only thing which marred his great triumph was that his opponent was killed. I am sure we will sympathise with Major Segrave, because he must have felt it more than anybody."—British Wireless Service.

NEXT CONTEST

Try for the Motor-Boat Record

Daytona Beach, Yesterday.

Major Segrave is leaving for Miami to-day to compete with Mr. Garwood for the motor-boat speed championship, the world record for which is at present held by Mr. Garwood's "Miss America," namely, 92 miles an hour.

Major Segrave's boat is the "Miss England."—Reuter's American Service.

260 Miles an Hour?

London, Yesterday.

It is stated that Kaye Don, the racing motorist, will next year try to break the world motor speed record of 231.35 miles per hour set up by Major Segrave at Daytona. He is having a car built which, he hopes, will reach a speed of 260 miles an hour and will make the attempt at Daytona.—British Wireless Service.

WATERLOO CUP

WIN FOR MR. A. GORDON SMITH

London, Yesterday.

In the Waterloo Cup final course, A. Gordon Smith's "Golden Surprise" beat H. Bell's "Bassoon." Betting was 6 to 1 against the winner.—Reuter.

SWIMMING

ARNE BORG ESTABLISHES ANOTHER RECORD

Suva, Yesterday.

In the municipal sea baths, Arne Borg swam 650 yards in 6 minutes, 57-2/5 seconds, a world's record.—Reuter.

MARINERS, NOTE

REMOVAL OF PROSPERINE ROCKS

The removal of the Prosperine Rocks, Hong Kong, commenced to-day. During this operation two divers will be employed and the site marked by a large red flag. Blasting will take place at noon and 5 p.m. daily.

Mariners are warned that it is dangerous to approach within 100 yards of the rocks whilst blasting is in progress and are prohibited from approaching within this distance from the red flag, under a penalty of \$100.

A 14th-century barn from Oxford, Surrey, which has been converted into the parish church of North Sheen, near Richmond, was recently consecrated.

FORMER H.K. CADET

MR. A. G. M. FLETCHER A KNIGHT

IN NEW YEAR HONOURS

The Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., C.B.E., who was from Nov., 1901 to Jan., 1926 in the Hong Kong Government Cadet Service, has been created a Knight Bachelor, the announcement being made in the postponed New Year honours.

During his 24 years or so in the Colony he, like some of the other Cadets, served in many departments. Reward came to him, however, during a long period of brilliant work at the Colonial Secretariat. On several occasions he functioned as Colonial Secretary and therefore sat on the Executive and Legislative Councils.

As chairman of the Shipping Control Committee from 1917 to 1919 he did much both for the local authorities and for the Home Government.

Succeeded Sir C. Clementi. He was appointed C.B.E. in 1919 and C.M.G. in 1922. In 1926 he was promoted to be Colonial Secretary of Ceylon, succeeding Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., who returned to Hong Kong to be Governor.

Eulogistic tributes were paid prior to his departure by the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, the Club de Relevo and the leading Chinese merchants, and also by a wide circle of friends.

Since going to Ceylon he has acted as H.E. the Officer Administering the Government.

Born in 1878, Sir Arthur George Murchison Fletcher was educated at Cheltenham College and Trinity College, Oxford.

Prior to Sir Murchison Fletcher's going to Ceylon, hopes had been entertained by many Hong Kong residents that he would become Colonial Secretary in Hong Kong. Having now been singled out again for honour, he may yet return here in the highest capacity.

K. K. K.

GOOD COMEDY AT THE MAJESTIC

Lovers of good comedy—and who does not appreciate a rollicking laugh once in a while?—will have their last opportunity to see the F.B.O. version of the New York stage success, "Kosher Kitty Kelly," to-day and to-night at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon. The picture gives a delightful insight into the life of Gotham's East Side, and is replete with screamingly funny situations, which have been cleverly built up by the director, James Horne, who has wielded the megaphone on many of the best comedy hits of recent years.

Viola Dana gives a thoroughly lovable characterization of the little Irish girl in the title role, and is ably supported by Tom Forman, who is convincing and admirable as the warm-hearted Irish policeman. Such splendid players as Nat Carr, Vera Gordon, Aggie Herring, Carroll Nye, Kathleen Myers and Stanley Taylor, give vividness and strength to the cast. Gerald Duffy wrote the screen version from the big New-York play by Leon De Costa.

tion he presented Dr. Tagore with a sum of money contained in a silver box, as their contribution toward the fund for the women's university.

Replying in English, Dr. Tagore expressed his heartfelt gratitude and appealed for co-operation. The visitors stayed the night in the Regency Bay Hotel as the guests of Mr. H. M. H. Nemazee.

DR. R. TAGORE

GOING STRAIGHT ON TO CANADA

LOCAL RECEPTION

Hong Kong regretted the inability of Sir Rabindranath Tagore, D. Lit. (Calcutta) to stay for a few days on his way from India to Canada and the U.S.A.

Accompanied by two secretaries, Mr. B. W. Tucker and Mr. A. K. Chanda, and Mr. S. Datta, the young Bengali poet, Dr. Tagore arrived here on the "Naldera" yesterday, when he was met by the Indian community, and embarked early this morning to continue the voyage to Yokohama, whence he will tranship to the "Empress of Asia."

Hopes have been expressed that Dr. Tagore, if he decides to return this way, will stay for a few days.

Dr. Tagore lunched yesterday with H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., of whom the philosopher said: "one of the most cultured Englishmen I have ever met in the Orient."

Lectures in America
Dr. Tagore is to represent India at the National Council of Education at Vancouver, where he will stay from April 5 to 13, giving a lecture on "The Philosophy of Leisure." From there he will proceed to a university in California, where he has been invited to lecture on poetry, art and literature. He will be there for approximately six weeks.

Another object of his tour, is to collect funds to create a women's university at his present institution, Shantiniketan, "the abode of peace." His health permitting, he will proceed to England to deliver the Hibbert lectures.

Dr. Tagore is not in good health, and had been advised by the doctors not to make the trip and he felt the effect of the sea voyage when he disembarked yesterday.

Sindi Merchants' Gift
Dr. Tagore was the guest of honour at a tea party given by the Sindi Hindu Merchants' Association yesterday evening. Mr. Melwani, the secretary, welcomed Dr. Tagore and expressed the hope of seeing him again on his way back from Canada and the United States. On behalf of the Association (Continued on preceding Column.)

FOR SALE

ASIATIC & FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMPS

PICTORIAL POSTCARDS

In Bags, Packets, Sets, and Single.

With Chinese Costumes, Views of Hong Kong, Canton, Macao, &c., and

ALBUMS OF HONG KONG SCENES.

GRACA & CO.,

Dealers in Philatelic Goods, Artistic Postcards, Toys, Picture Books, etc.

No. 10, Wyndham Street, P.O. Box No. 629, Hong Kong.

Tel. C. 2221

Tel. C. 4821

THE CHINA MAIL

WYNDHAM STREET

TELEPHONE C. 2221

TELEPHONE C. 4821

THE CHINA MAIL

WYNDHAM STREET

TELEPHONE C. 2221

TELEPHONE C. 4821

THE CHINA MAIL

WYNDHAM STREET

TELEPHONE C. 2221

TELEPHONE C. 4821

THE CHINA MAIL

WYNDHAM STREET

TELEPHONE C. 2221

TELEPHONE C. 4821

THE CHINA MAIL

WYNDHAM STREET

TELEPHONE C. 2221

TELEPHONE C. 4821

THE CHINA MAIL

WYNDHAM STREET

TELEPHONE C. 2221

TELEPHONE C. 4821

THE CHINA MAIL

WYNDHAM STREET

TELEPHONE C. 2221

TELEPHONE C. 4821

THE CHINA MAIL

WYNDHAM STREET

TELEPHONE C. 2221

TELEPHONE C. 4821

THE CHINA MAIL

WYNDHAM STREET

TELEPHONE C. 2221

TELEPHONE C. 4821

THE CHINA MAIL

WYNDHAM STREET

TELEPHONE C. 2221

TELEPHONE C. 4821

THE CHINA MAIL

WYNDHAM STREET

TELEPHONE C. 2221

TELEPHONE C. 4821

THE CHINA MAIL

WYNDHAM STREET

TELEPHONE C. 2221

TELEPHONE C. 4821

THE CHINA MAIL

WYNDHAM STREET

TELEPHONE C. 2221

TELEPHONE C. 4821

THE CHINA MAIL

WYNDHAM STREET

TELEPHONE C. 2221

TELEPHONE C. 4821

THE CHINA MAIL

WYNDHAM STREET

TELEPHONE C. 2221

TELEPHONE C. 4821

THE CH

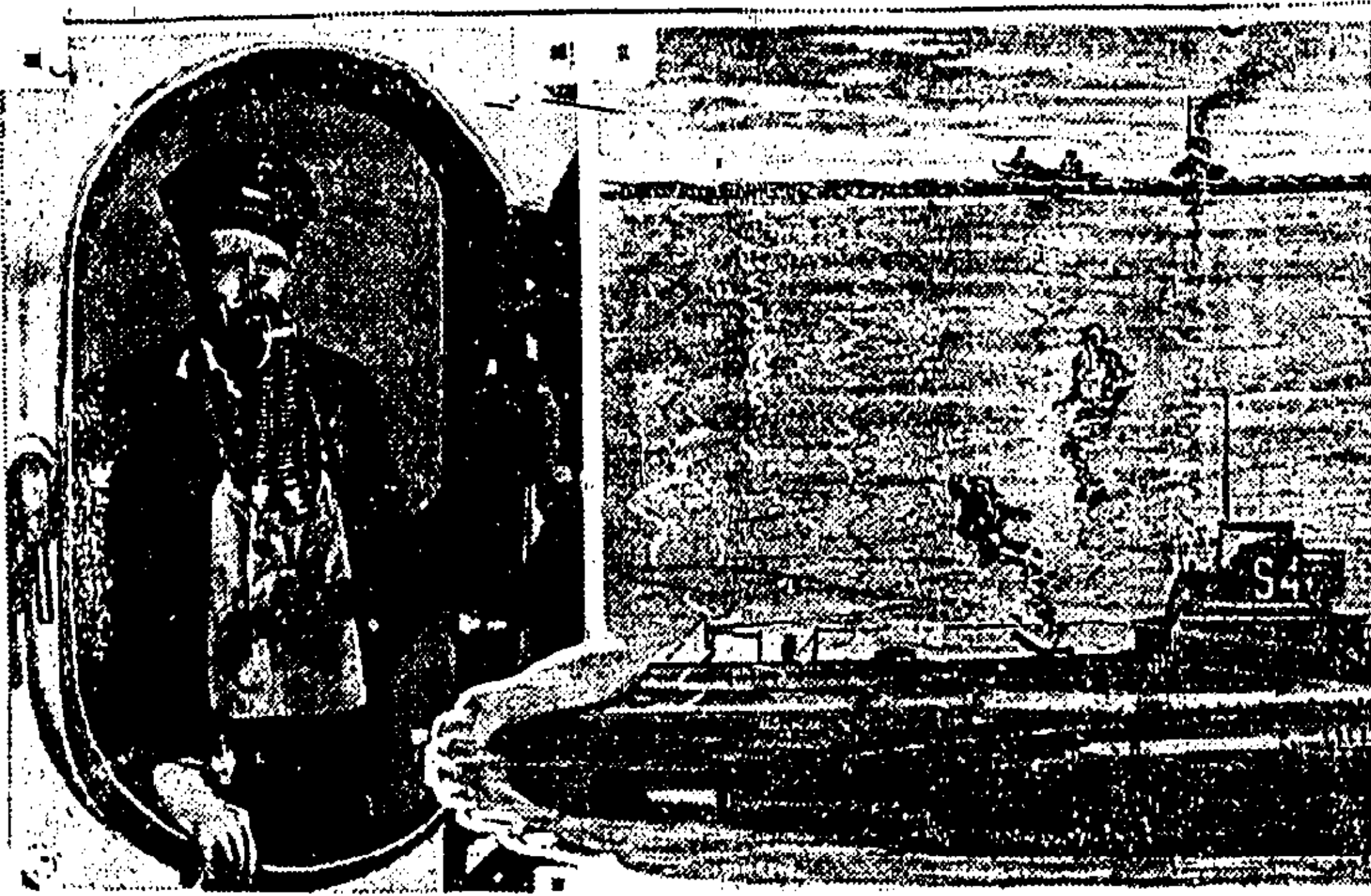
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Head of Anti-Saloon League



F. Scott McBride, general superintendent and legislative head of the Anti-Saloon League, against whom a movement to oust him has been made within the League.

Important Submarine Tests



The efficiency of the newly developed "lung" and escape hatch with which the S-4 was equipped in her trials at Key West, was demonstrated when Chief Torpedoman Kolinsky and Lieutenant Hansen released themselves from a depth of 40 feet. Had the S-4 been so equipped at Provincetown, on December 17, 1927, her crew of 40 might not have died at the bottom of the ocean. Pictured above is an artist's idea of how the escape was accomplished and the left illustrates how the escape hatch works allowing the wearers of the "lung" to leave the craft.

Head of Commission to Nicaragua



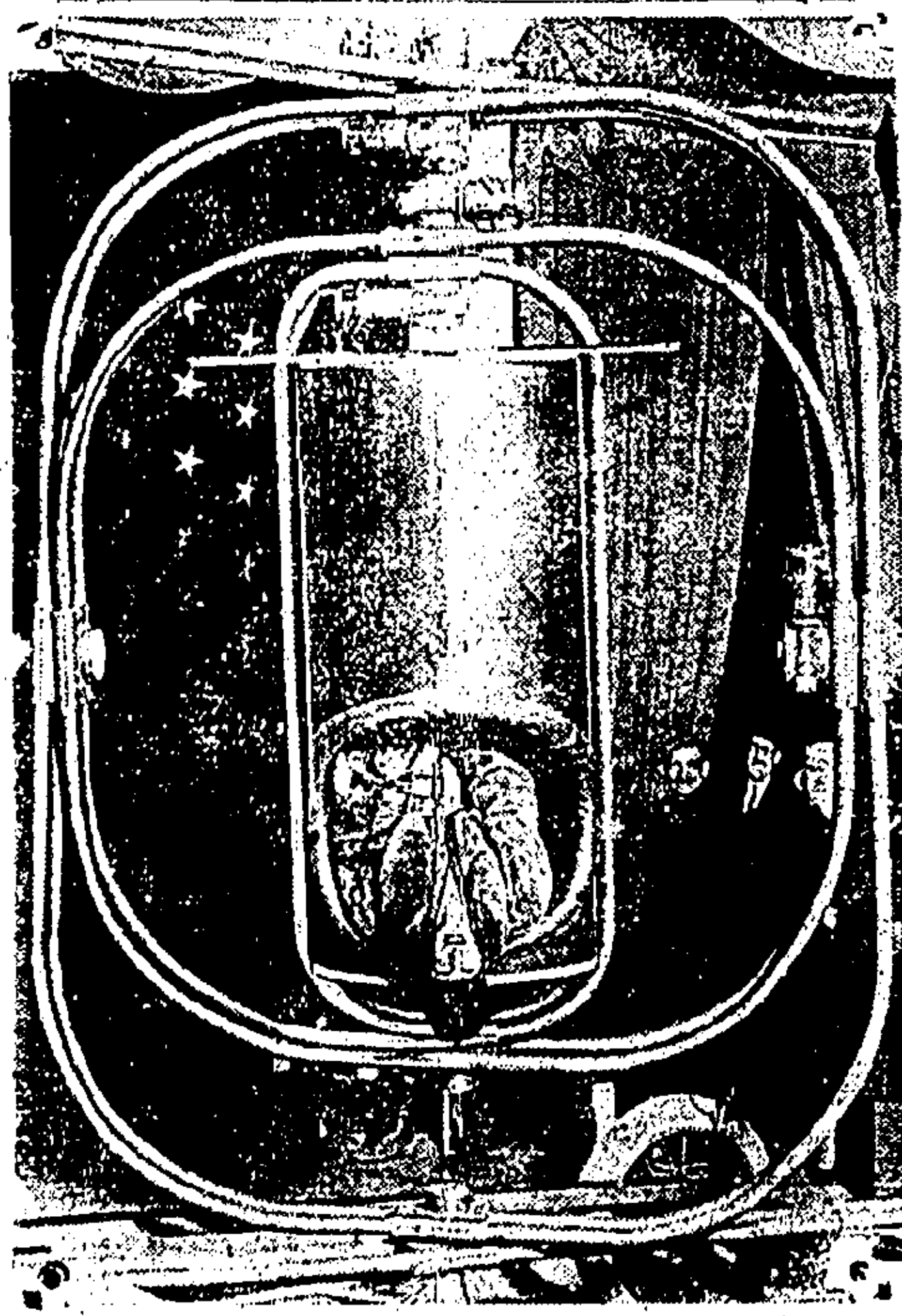
Brig. Gen. Frank R. McCoy, president of the American electoral mission to Nicaragua.

War Referendum



Representative Hamilton Fish, Jr., whose plan under which a war of aggression would not be waged by the United States until its declaration was ratified by a majority of the voters, was submitted to Congress.

"World Upside Down"



Seeing things as an aviator often does. It shows her in the spinning machine used to test perspective aviators which is being displayed at an aviation show.

"Woman Disputed"



Here's the famous painting "La Bello Perzonnere" ("The Blacksmith's Daughter"), the cause of the suit brought by Mrs. L. Hahn, of Kansas City and Paris, against Sir Joseph Duveen, art expert, who says the picture is "a copy of a copy."

Bravery In Air



Lieut. Uzal G. Ent, of the Army Air Corps, stationed at Langley Field, Va., who has just been designated to receive the Cheeney air award for 1928 for the year's outstanding deed of valour and self-sacrifice in aeronautics.

Face Exile Decree



Christian Rakovsky, top, former Soviet Ambassador to Paris, and Karl Radek, below, Communist propagandist, have been asked to pledge themselves not to issue any proclamations favouring their deposed leader, Leon Trotsky, under penalty of expiration.

Pope's Power Recognised



Art showing some intimate glimpses of Pope Pius XI in connection with the new agreement between himself and the Italian Government whereby the Pope is recognised as a sovereign Pontiff. Upper right is a glimpse of the Vatican library which contains thousands of priceless manuscripts and books, and upper left is a bit of the Pope's private garden in the Vatican. The centre shows the Pope celebrating Mass. Lower left is the Basilica of St. Paul's which is granted special privileges and immunities under the new agreement, and right a part of the famous Swiss Guard which is the Pope's own—International Newswire.

Dictatorship to End



Reports emanating from Spain indicate that the great popularity of the Spanish dictator, Primo De Rivera (top), has waned. King Alfonso (bottom) has over 50 men from which to form a Cabinet without De Rivera, who will become an Ordinary Deputy.

THE HONG KONG DOLLAR DIRECTORY

1929 ISSUE

NOW ON SALE \$1

This little companion is the most accurate directory published about Hong Kong. It contains:

- SECTION I. Information, etc.
- SECTION II. Associations and Clubs, Chinese Customs, Churches and Missions, Consuls, Government Offices, Hospitals, Justices of the Peace, Masonic Societies, Military Command and Volunteers, Naval Command, Schools and Colleges.
- SECTION III. Business Houses.
- SECTION IV. Agencies.
- SECTION V. "Who's Who."
- SECTION VI. Residences.
- SECTION VII. Ladies' Residences General.
- SECTION VIII. Kowloon Ladies' Residences.
- SECTION IX. Peak Residents' List.
- SECTION X. CANTON
- Hongs, Clubs, Associations, Churches, Missions, Residents, etc., etc.

ORDER AT ONCE BEFORE THE EDITION IS SOLD OUT.

NOW ON SALE

Price \$1.00

at

THE OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHERS,
THE DOLLAR DIRECTORY CO.,

3A, WYNDHAM STREET.

AND AT

WHITEAWAY, LAIDLAW & CO., LTD., Des Voeux Rd. C., BREWERS, Pedder Street.

HUNG CHEONG, 66, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

H.K. & KOWLOON FERRY WHARF STORE, Kowloon.

H.K. & KOWLOON FERRY WHARF STORE, Hong Kong.

PEAK TRAM STATION STORE, Lower Tram Station.

LEE YEE, 12, D'Aguiar Street.

EXCELSIOR CO., 16, D'Aguiar Street.

SAND-LIME BRICKS.

Best machine made bricks. Highest tests and uniform qualities. For Economy, Quality, Beauty, Durability and Satisfaction unsurpassed.

YEE YICK SAND-LIME BRICK CO.,

CHING IU NAM, Manager.

Factory:—Canton.

Hong Kong Office:—148, Queen's Road, West, 1st Floor.

Telephone No. C. 3882.

HONG KONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

(Established 1887)

Please cut this out

To Mrs. Shellshur

Hon. Treasurer H.K.B.S.

Hong Kong University.

Madam,

Kindly enroll me as a Member of the above Society. I enclose \$12.00 as Annual Subscription.

Yours faithfully,

THE WORLD OF BOOKS

"MAIL" REVIEW

ENIGMATIC FIGURES IN HISTORY

["Elizabeth and Essex," by Lytton Strachey; Chatto and Windus, London, 15/- net.]

There are few better tests by which to judge whether a writer is a mere journalistic time server or a great critic than the subject matter which he chooses for his books or essays. There are certain crucial questions in science and philosophy, and certain enigmatical figures in the pages of history. It is there and how the writer treats them which is the real test. In psychology, how does he face the problem of the group mind? In science, has he mastered the joints in the hereditary problem? In sociology, how does he treat the idea of progress? In history, what is his analysis of—well let us say, the Essex Rebellion?

Mr. Lytton Strachey has often interested us and instructed us before in his other books. Now by taking as his subject Elizabeth and Essex he has faced three of the most enigmatical figures in history—Elizabeth, Bacon, Essex. We may differ in our verdict on the result but at all events it is absorbingly interesting. One can hardly lay it down till one has finished it.

The Problem of Essex. Probably everyone who has studied the historians of the Elizabethan period has closed their eyes up dissatisfied with their analysis of the why and the wherefore of the Essex Rebellion. What did it really mean? What was the final object of Essex? Was he simply a disgruntled peer aiming at the Queen's favor and his own aggrandizement? Or was he the last flicker of an era that had for ever passed?

Mr. Strachey may not fully unravel the tangled skein, but at least he faces the maze and gives us a candid opinion of the chief actors, and that in a narrative of unbroken interest.

This may be taken as his summing up of the Rebellion:

"In the history of Essex, so perplexed in its issues, so desperate in its perturbations, so dreadful in its conclusions, the spectral agony of an abolished world is discernible through the tragic lineaments of a personal disaster."

The real truth seems to be that no matter how we view the case there is no straightforward solution of the difficulties. We don't think we are doing Mr. Strachey an injustice if we say that according to him Essex is an attractive young Lord of many parts, without guile or dissimulation, ready to do everybody a good turn, vivacious and courageous. These mainly and chivalrous qualities not only bring him into the lime-light but they raise him to the forefront of English Generals and Administrators. They grant him an access to, and familiarity with, the Queen which no one of his years could have expected, and this notwithstanding the fact that the Queen seems to have early realized that he had not much ability as a general or as an administrator and that he was not a safe adviser.

The Greatest Cad in History. The Sphinx of the period covering the life of Essex and afterwards is Francis Bacon. A reviewer of the present book in one of the English papers described Bacon as the greatest cad in history; and this view or something very like it is the impression of Bacon which Mr. Strachey at every turn seems to desire to leave on the reader.

You find such expressions as, "the cold viper gaze of Francis Bacon"; and again, "Bacon wished his patron to behave with the Machiavellian calculation that was natural to his own mind" (Italics ours). We find it implied more than once that Bacon sowed suspicion in the mind of Queen Elizabeth and thus turned her against Essex.

Bacon As Essex's Adviser. But this picture of Bacon as a wolf in sheep's clothing and Essex as an ingenious and ill-requited young peer may be overdone. In the early days of their friendship there seems to be a good deal of evidence that much of Essex's advancement and influence with the Queen were due to Bacon. He seems actually to have written a good many of the letters and despatches for Essex; and but for this fact they would probably never have had the effect on Elizabeth which they had. In short, he acted as the literary and diplomatic train for Essex. He no doubt expected in return that Essex would push his cause; and though Essex seems to have tried to do so he was never very successful, and it appears as if he was only doing it very half-heartedly. At a later crisis Bacon gave him very good advice. True, Mr. Strachey thinks it was Machiavellian and altogether worthless to a man of the character of Essex. Be this as it

may 'Machiavellian' is a very strong adjective, and it seems to have been Bacon's sincere opinion that Essex might be able to carry it out.

Even Mr. Strachey admits (perhaps a little grudgingly) that at times Bacon did a good deal for his friend.

"He (Bacon) now composed two elaborate letters, in Essex's name, addressed to the Queen and imploring her forgiveness. He did more. He invented a letter from his brother Antony to Essex and the Earl's reply—brilliant compositions, in which the style of each was exquisitely imitated and in which the Earl's devotion to his sovereign was beautifully displayed; and then he took these works and showed them to the Queen. Incidentally, there was much in them to the credit of Francis Bacon."

There might be something said about the morality of all this. But it can hardly be described as an action typical of the greatest cad in history!

What Was Bacon Concealing?

From the meeting of the Star Chamber at which the misdoings of Essex and his mismanagement in Ireland were recited Bacon stayed away. The Queen believed his excuse was only subterfuge. Apparently both then and later he knew much more than he disclosed. One naturally thinks he might have defended his friend with more zest and frankness: a statement from him might have done much to clear up misapprehensions.

A curious fact in connection with the Rebellion is that Essex or his party arranged for the enactment of Richard II on the night before the outbreak. Bacon apparently had a copy of this play in the Northumberland M.S. at his house and tore it out. Why did he do this? He may even have been responsible for the writing of it, though it was the first play, which appeared under the name "William Shakespeare." Could this have been one of the reasons for his curious cloak of concealment? If he was in any sense responsible for any of these plays he would have been brought into close touch with Southampton who was also charged with high treason for the rebellion. And if Bacon had any dramatic association of this kind it would have been hard for him to dissociate himself from more direct connection or suspicion of rebellion.

A Figure of Mystery. On a later occasion Ben Jonson in writing an ode on Bacon's birthday says:—

"... in the midst, Thou stands't as if some mystery thou didst."

This might well be written as a motto over the whole of Bacon's life, and over no epoch of it more forcibly or more truthfully than over the period of the Essex rebellion.

Mr. Strachey may possibly have failed to throw much enlightenment on the rebellion or on Bacon's part in the trial of his friend. But no solution seems possible. Indeed we get up from this book feeling that the account of Essex given by a famous Irish humorist is probably as near the truth as any. A part must suffice—though we wish we had space to quote the whole of it:—

"The First Lord Lieutenant" "Essex," said Queen Elizabeth, as the two of them sat at breakfast in the back parlour of Buckingham Palace; "Essex, my haro, I've got a job that I think would suit you. Do you know where Ireland is?"

"I'm no great fat at jography," says his Lordship, "but I know the place you mane. Population, three million; exports, emigrants."

"Well," says the Queen, "I've been reading the Dublin 'Evening Mail,' and the 'Telegraph,' for some time back, and 'sort o' me can get at the troot o' how things is going, for the leading articles is as contradictory as if they wor husband and wife."

"So now what I want you to do is to run over to Ireland, like a good fella, and bring me word how matters stand."

"Is it me?" says Essex, leaping up off his chair. "It's not in airnest ye are, ould lady. Sure it's the height of the London season. Everyone's in town, and Shake's new fairy piece, 'The Midsummer's Night Mare,' billed for next week."

"You'll go, when yer told," says the Queen, fixing him with her eye. "If you know which side yer bread's buttered on, 'see here, now,' says she, seeln' him chokin' wid vexation and a slice o' corned beef, 'you ought to be as pleased as Punch about it, for you'll be at the top of the walk over there as vice-regent representin' me."

"I ought to have a title or two," says Essex, pluckin' up a bit. His gloriosity of 'Great Panlathrum, or the like o' that."

"How would His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland strike you?" says Elizabeth.

"First class," cries Essex. "Couldn't be better, it doesn't mean much, but it's alliterative."

Essex landed contagions to Dalkey Island, and going up to an ould man who was sitting on a rock he took off his hat, and says he: "That's grand weather we're havin'?"

"Good enough for the times that's in it, says the ould man, cockin' one eye at him. "Any 'divarshan goin' on?" says Essex. "You're a stranger in these parts, I'm blinkin', says the ould man, 'or you'd know this was a 'band night' in Dalkey."

"I wasn't aware of it," says Essex.

Next day Essex wrote two letters home—one to Queen Elizabeth and the other to Lord Montague, a playboy like himself.

Dame St., April 16, 1599.

Fair Enchantress, I wish I was back in London, baskin' in your sweet smiles and listenin' to your melodious voice once more. I got the consignment of men and the post office order all right. I was out all morning looking for the inimy, but sorta a taste of Hugh O'Neill or his men can I find. A policeman at the corner of Nassau St. told me they were hiding in Wicklow. So I am making up a party to explore the Dargle on Easter Monday. The girls here are as ugly as sin, and every minute of the day I do be wishing it was your good-looking self, I was gazin' at instead of these ignorant scare-crows.

Hoppin' soon to be back in ould England, I remain, your loving subject,

Essex.

P. S. I hear Hugh O'Neill was seen on the top of the Donnybrook tram yesterday mornin'. If I have any luck the head'll be off him before you get this.

E.

The other letter read:— Dear Monty,

This is a great place all out. Come over here if you want fun. Divil such play-boys ever I seen, and the girls—oh, don't be talkin'—pon me secret honour you'll see more loveliness at a tay and supper 'dall in Ra'mines than there is in the whole of England. Tell Ned Spenser to send me a love-song to sing to a young girl who seems taken wid my appearance. Her name's Mary, and she lives in Dunlary, so he oughtent to find it hard.

I hear Hugh O'Neill's a terror, and hits a powerful welt, especially when you're not lookin'. If he tries any of his games on with me, I give him in charge. No brawling for yours truly,

Essex.

"Arrest that man!" says the Queen when the Head-constable came to the door. "Arrest that thrater," says she, "and never let me set eyes on him again."

And, indeed, she never did.

BEST COAL & CHEAPEST PRICE

KWONG HANG & CO. Tel. C. 2736.

43, Des Voeux Road Central. Government and Admiralty Coal Contractors.

HOUSE COAL.

Peak at \$23.00 per ton.

Upper Level \$22.00 "

Middle Level \$21.00 "

Central Office \$20.00 "

Kowloon \$17.00 "

The above prices include delivery charges to destination.

THE HONGKONG PENINSULA HOTEL: HONGKONG HOTEL: REPULSE BAY HOTEL: PEAK HOTEL

AND SHANGHAI ASTOR HOUSE: PALACE HOTEL: MAJESTIC HOTEL: HOTELS, LIMITED

In association with the Grand Hotel des Wagons Lits, Peking.

Courtesy, Comfort, Service and Luxuries of Modern Hotel Construction

THE HOTEL RIVIERA. MACAU.

Cable Address:—"RIVIERA, MACAU."

ADELPHI HOTEL. SINGAPORE

THE ONLY HOTEL IN SINGAPORE FITTED THROUGHOUT WITH MODERN SANITATION AND SHOWERS IN EVERY BATHROOM

TEA DANCES EVERY TUESDAY.

AFTER DINNER DANCES EVERY WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY.

ROOF GARDEN CINEMA EVERY SUNDAY AND MONDAY EVENING.

LADIES' LOUNGE " PALM COURT ADELPHI HOTEL, LTD., HARRY H. WILKES, Managing Director.

Cables: Adelphi.

Amstel Beer

"Atta-buoy!"



Sole Agents:—

H. RUTTONJEE & SON,

15, Queen's Road C.

Tel. C. 190.

RADIO

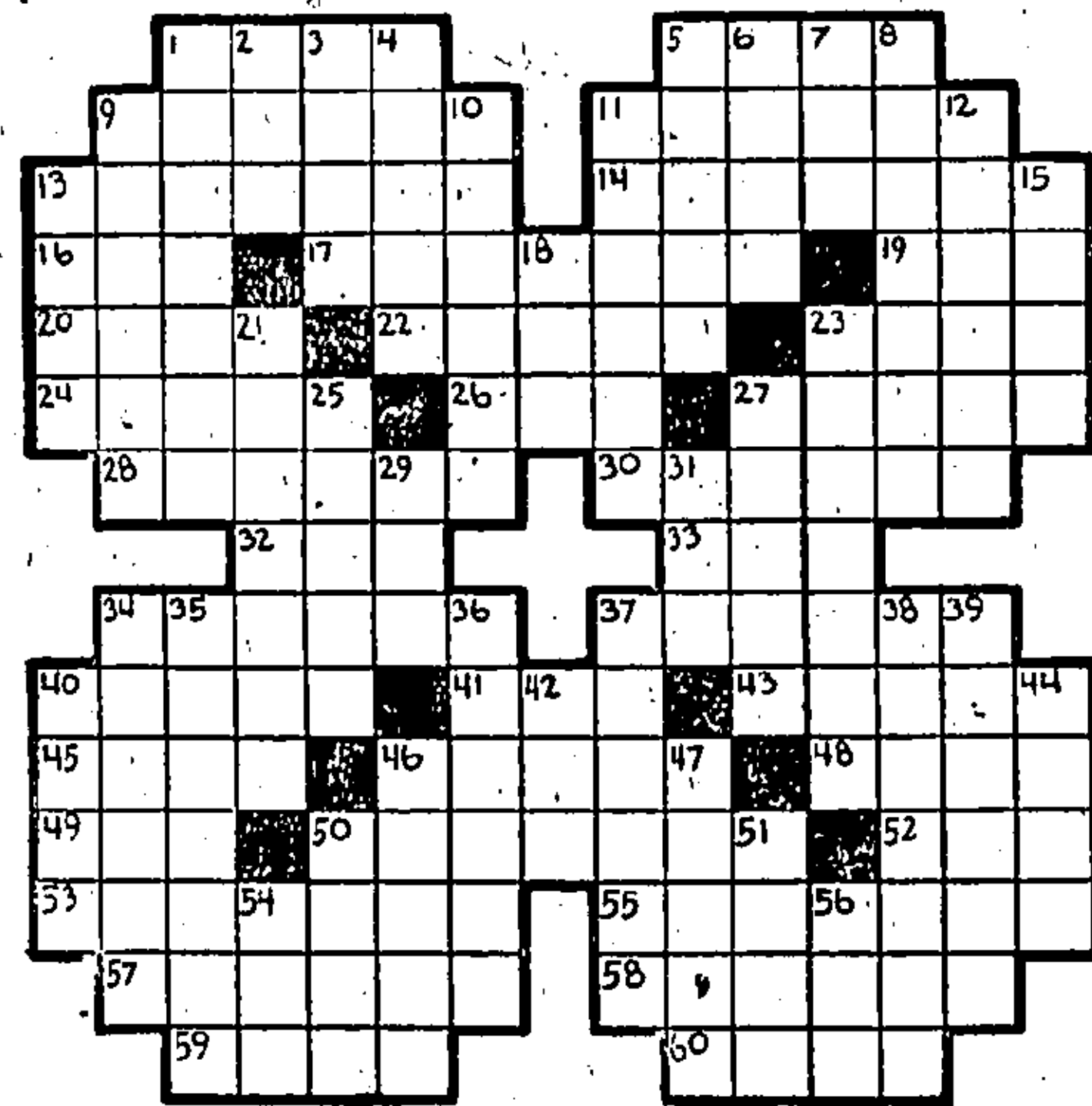
Use EXIDE ACCUMULATORS for your High Tension Supply.

Obtainable at RUDOLF WOLFF & KEW, LIMITED.

1st floor. 54, Queen's Road Central, Tel. C. 2173.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, moon, and alpha.)



THE INTERNATIONAL SYNDICATE.

HORIZONTAL

- 1—Causes pain
- 6—Satisfy the appetite
- 9—Inter
- 11—Impelling by means of force
- 13—Supplicate
- 14—Legally qualified voter
- 16—Abbreviation for word meaning "height"
- 17—Variegated with lines of different colors
- 19—Street (French)
- 20—Willingly
- 22—Building plots
- 23—Payment for services
- 24—Deserve
- 26—Bag
- 27—Jury
- 28—Geological region
- 30—Characteristics
- 32—Big wave
- 33—Division of a play
- 34—Winning cards
- 37—Snake
- 40—Wild hogs
- 41—Cooking utensil

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 43—Discontinue
- 45—European capital
- 46—Inner part
- 48—Strike with the hand
- 49—Beverage
- 50—Beast of burden (pl.)
- 52—Frozen dessert
- 53—Go down
- 55—United by
- 57—Low card (pl.)
- 58—Ratified
- 59—Remain
- 60—Stained

VERTICAL

- 1—Severe
- 2—Anger
- 3—Is situated
- 4—Religious bodies
- 5—Bottom of feet
- 6—Restrained by fear
- 7—Neuralgia
- 8—Beginner
- 9—Showed to be false
- 10—Abolition
- 11—Change from past condition

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 12—Scoops out
- 13—That which heals
- 15—Wooden spoon
- 18—Suffix meaning "belonging to"
- 21—Crack
- 23—Attendants
- 25—Is full
- 27—Measured by steps
- 29—Hit
- 31—Rodent
- 34—Drove, as a coach
- 36—One of several Egyptian monarchs
- 37—Urgency
- 38—Maintained order in
- 39—Separated
- 40—Thin nail
- 42—Tree
- 44—Hurried
- 46—Sweetness
- 47—Reproduced by typewriter
- 50—Combining form meaning "ten"
- 51—Put to death
- 54—Suffix meaning "condition"

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

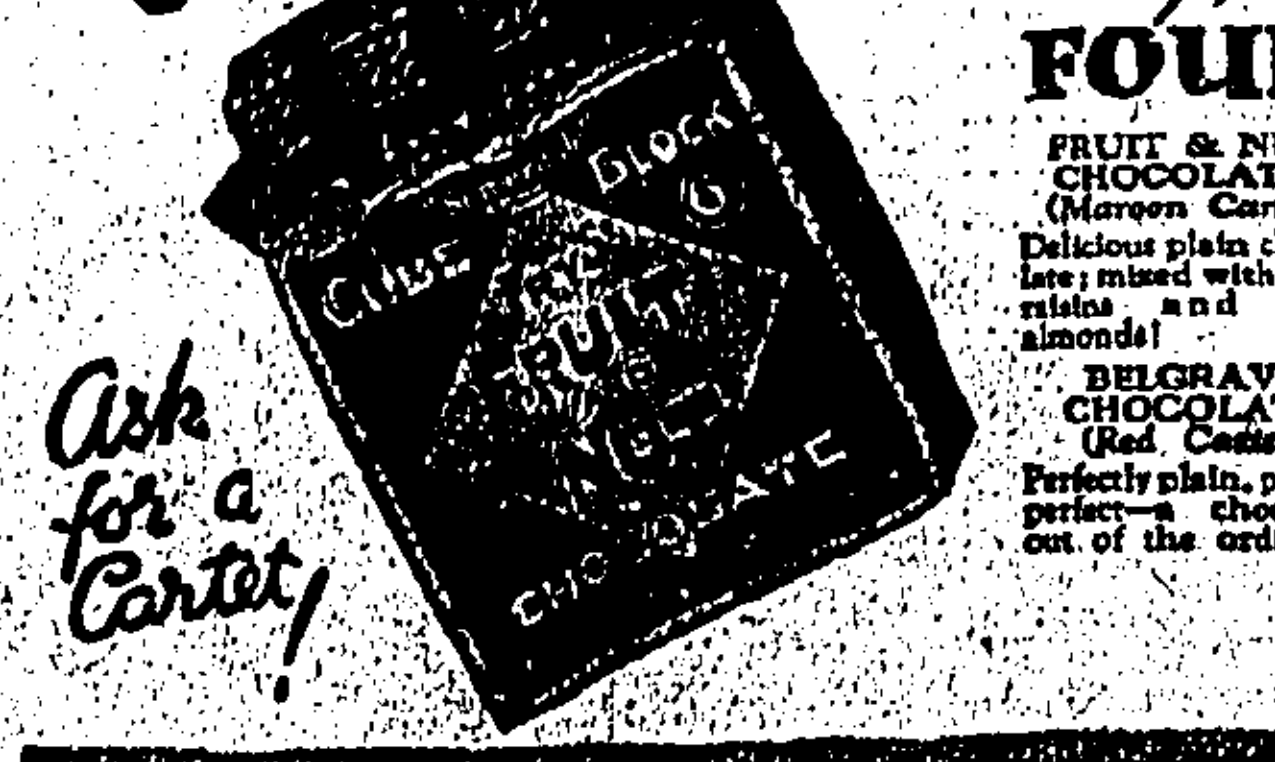


SNAPPY STYLE!

I'LL BET IT'S AN

"OAKLAND"

FRY'S CARTER'S CUBE BLOCK CHOCOLATE




FOUR KINDS

- FRUIT & NUT CHOCOLATE (Almond Center)
- VALERIAN CHOCOLATE (Orange Center)
- DELICIOUS plain chocolate mixed with juicy fruits and crisp almonds!
- BELOVED CHOCOLATE (Red Center)
- MILK CHOCOLATE (Blue Center)

Perfectly plain, plump, perfect chocolate out of the ordinary.

Made with fresh milk from English farms.

Sole Agents:— JOHN D. HUTCHISON & CO.



FEDERAL TRUCKS.
1-7 1/2 Ton Capacity.
Sole Agents:—
KIN CHEONG HONG.
37, Connaught Rd. C. Tel. C. 6.

The China Mail

ESTABLISHED
1845

HONG KONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1929.

"OVERLAND CHINA MAIL"

SEND IT HOME!

THE WEEK'S NEWS
ILLUSTRATED.

25 cts.

25 cts.

THE BLUE FUNNEL LINE

REGULAR AND FAST
FREIGHT AND
PASSENGER SERVICES

LONDON SERVICE.

"PATROCLUS" 20th Mar. Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Glasgow
"CALON" 3rd Apr. Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg
"ANTENO" 17th Apr. Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Glasgow

LIVERPOOL SERVICE.

"KEEMUN" 20th Mar. Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow
"EURYPIUS" 20th Apr. Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow

PACIFIC SERVICE.

via KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
"PROTEUS" 30th Mar. Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle
"TALYRUS" 30th Apr. Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle

NEW YORK SERVICE.

"LAOMEDON" 10th Apr. New York, Boston & Baltimore
"RHEINOR" 8th May New York, Boston & Baltimore

INWARD SERVICE.

"AJAX" Due 27th Mar. For Shanghai, Fukuoka, Kobe & Yokohama
"OANFA" Due 28th Mar. For Shanghai, Fukuoka, Kobe & Yokohama

PASSENGER SERVICE.

"PATROCLUS" 20th Mar. Singapore, Marseilles & London
"ANTENO" 17th Apr. Singapore, Marseilles & London
Balls at daylight

Also cargo steamers with limited passenger accommodation at specially reduced fares.

For freight, passage rates and information apply to—

Butterfield & Swire.

Agents.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

LIST OF VESSELS EXPECTED TO BE IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION WITH HONG KONG TO-DAY.

Danish Maru, Oldekerk, Yodo Maru, Dampto, Havenstein, Sumatra Maru, Saarbruecken, Taiping, H.M.T. Somersetshire, Tjeleondari, Santhia, Empress of Asia, Fooksang, Song Bo, Naldora, Khiva, Hosang.

It is hereby notified that the rates for radio telegrams from Hong Kong to the undermentioned places in the Kwangtung provinces (except Canton) will be as follows:—

Kongmoon, Kichow, Toy Shan via Canton ...\$0.30 per word
Pakhoi, Swatow, Hothow, Sam-mai and Chungshan ...direct ...\$0.20 per word

In both cases the addressee will be required to pay an additional charge due to the Receiving Station of \$0.20 per word; this charge also applies to radiotelegrams received at Hong Kong from Pakhoi, Swatow, Hothow, Sam-mai and Chungshan.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per
SATURDAY, MARCH 16.	
U.S.A., Canada, Japan, Shanghai and Europe	
via Siberia, London, 23rd Feb.	President Jefferson
Shanghai and Swatow	Ichang
SUNDAY, MARCH 17.	
Manila	Empress of Asia
Straits	Fooksang
MONDAY, MARCH 18.	
Straits	Kitano Maru
Manila	President McKinley
TUESDAY, MARCH 19.	
Shanghai	Patroclus
Japan	Tango Maru

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per
SATURDAY, MARCH 16.	
Straits and Calcutta. Parcels Noon.	
Letters 1 p.m.	
Port Bayard	Hosang
Haiphong	Huog Hoi
Parcels for Germany via Hamburg	Albert Sarraut
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Havenstein
Manila	Fook On
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	President Jefferson
Registration 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.	
SUNDAY, MARCH 17.	
Sandakan	Glenhiel
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hinsang
Shanghai and Dalny	Canton Maru
MONDAY, MARCH 18.	
Haiphong	Klukiang
Formosa	Tea
Amoy	Saarbruecken
Bangkok	Huoh
Swatow	Escondido
Amoy	Hydrangea
"Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C. 4th Apr. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	Fook Sang
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	President McKinley
Registration 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.	
TUESDAY, MARCH 19.	
Shanghai	Kitano Maru
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow	Haifang

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

GERMAN FINANCES UNSTEADY

BUDGET DEBATE

GOVERNMENT THREATEN TO RESIGN

INCREASED TAXATION

Berlin, Yesterday. During the course of the budget debate in the Reichstag the Chancellor, Herr Mueller declared that unless the Budget were passed the Government would resign, and that the situation in Germany being so critical party politics ought to be kept in the background. It was essential to introduce a Budget which would not leave a deficit, as only thus could proof be given to the reparations experts now meeting in Paris that, despite her necessitous condition, Germany would leave no stone unturned to fulfil her obligations.

It is estimated that a Budget deficit of the £18,950,000 would have to be met.

The Government proposes to increase the beer tax, death duties, property tax and also to derive additional revenue from the spirits monopoly.—Reuter.

FLYING EPOCH

A NEW SERVICE OF AIR LINERS

BRITISH ENTERPRISE

London, Yesterday. A new service of air liners between London, Brussels and Cologne is to be commenced by the Imperial Airways on Monday.

The service will leave Croydon aerodrome at 8.30 each week-day morning and Cologne will be reached at 1.45 in the afternoon. At this town, connections will be made with German air liners to other cities, which will be brought within less than ten hours of London.—British Wireless Service.

WAR DEBTS

FRANCE AND ITALY PAY FURTHER INSTALLMENTS

London, Yesterday. The Italian Government duly paid to the British Government to-day the sum of £2,125,000, being the seventh instalment payable under the Italian war debt funding agreement of 1926.

The sum of £125,000 in gold was released to the Italian Government in accordance with Article 7 of the Agreement.

The French Government also paid to-day the sum of £4,000,000 to the British Government as a sixth payment on account of the French war debt.—British Wireless Service.

Mr. Charles M. Schwab, the United States steel magnate, arrived at Plymouth recently from New York.

EASING THE FLOOD

KING EDWARD HOTEL'S BASEMENT

PICCIOLI'S CONDITION

Water several feet high stood in the basement of the King Edward Hotel yesterday when an examination was made. It is understood that an attempt will be made to run it off to-day by clearing the drain covers.

The work of turning over the debris continues. No discovery of unusual interest was made yesterday, the "China Mail" is informed. All four injured persons in the Government Civil Hospital have made progress towards recovery and are believed to be out of danger. Yeoman Andrew Piccioli, of the U.S.S. "Memphis," ought to be discharged in about three months, it is anticipated.

"FINE TO CLOUDY"

"N.E. winds, moderate; fine to cloudy" is the forecast until noon to-morrow for Hong Kong, the adjacent coast and Formosa Channel.

At 11.27 a.m. to-day the Observatory reported:—"The anticyclone has dispersed. Another is forming over S.E. Mongolia. Moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea."

BIG LEGACY

\$200,000 FOR CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

TO AID SCIENCE

London, Yesterday. In his will, Mr. John Humphrey Plummer, of Southport, who left £271,000, bequeaths to Cambridge University £200,000 for science.—British Wireless Service.

VAN LEAR BLACK

FLYING MILLIONAIRE HELD UP IN AFRICA

INFLUENZA VICTIMS

Bulawayo, Yesterday. Mr. Van Lear Black has been held up at Broken Hill as his two pilots and mechanic are suffering from influenza.—Reuter.

JAPANESE BUDGET

PASSES THROUGH BOTH HOUSES

Tokyo, Yesterday. The Budget for this year, calling for ¥1,752,000,000, including Navy Estimates of ¥288,000,000, and Army Estimates of ¥231,000,000, has passed both Houses. Supplementary estimates will be presented shortly.—Reuter.

SERIOUS FLOODING IN U.S.A.

TOWNS INUNDATED

ALABAMA, GEORGIA, NEBRASKA, IOWA, ILLINOIS SUFFER

THOUSANDS IN DANGER

Montgomery, Alabama, Yesterday.

Very serious floods are following the heavy rains in Alabama, Georgia, Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois. Alabama has suffered the worst. At least five towns are inundated, including Flomaton and Brewton, where 10,000 persons are reported to be in danger as they are without food supplies. Four thousand were cut off on the 14th inst. at Elba.

At present it is impossible to estimate the number of dead and injured as communications have been cut off. Sailplanes are dropping bread for those marooned and in some areas national guardsmen and coastguards are attempting to rescue by means of motor-boats.—Reuter's American Service.

OLO CUSTOM

"SUPERSTITIOUS PRACTICES" IN CHINA

PERSUASION FUTILE

[From Our Correspondent] Canton, March 15.

The Nationalist Government has done its utmost to persuade the people to give up "superstitious practices" but in Canton, except for a small minority, the public do not seem willing to part with time honoured usages. For instance, during the month of November and again in December, the authorities here called upon the public to celebrate the new-style New Year in place of the Lunar New Year. A good deal of propaganda was indulged in, in an effort to get the people to give up the old calendar, but when the time came for the celebration of the new-style New Year, hardly anybody celebrated it, only the officials following the injunction of Nanking. On the night of December 31, the streets were as quiet as on every ordinary night. Nobody decorated his premises, no one hung the flag up, and there was no burning of firecrackers. However, when the Lunar New Year came round, the citizens celebrated it as in times of old, putting up honorific arches, bringing out the flags, and burning fire-crackers from morning till night. Accounts were settled at the end of the old lunar year and the jollification was exactly as in days of old. It will be recalled by many that when China became a republic, the new regime from the very outset called upon the people to observe the Gregorian calendar but without the desired result.

The authorities have likewise done their utmost to get the people to give up religious practices and have gone to the length of converting temples into schools and museums, but the people keep on observing old religious practices. The public were told not to keep up the old "extravagant" marriage and funeral practices but they have paid very little if any heed to the injunction. There is a war now on against fortunetellers but the people keep going to them for advice.

To make a long story short, the authorities have not been a bit successful in their efforts to persuade the people to give up "superstitious practices."

A CONFLAGRATION

OVER 1,000 BUILDINGS GUTTED IN JAPAN

MANY HOMELESS

Tokyo, Yesterday. Over one thousand buildings were gutted, including two banks, two schools, a cinema, and other public buildings, in a fire which broke out at midnight at Yokohama, north-east of Tokyo. Several thousand persons were made homeless, but there were no casualties.—Reuter.

BASED ON THE FAMOUS STAGE PLAY "TRELAWNEY OF THE WELLS"

Norma SHEARER in The ACTRESS



THE LOVE STORY OF A STAGE STAR AND A SCION OF WEALTH!

SAM KU WEST AND HIS HARMONY TRIO

IN A FAREWELL PROGRAMME

QUEEN'S FINAL SHOWINGS TO-DAY

At 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.20.

Increased Prices

A great comedy team in a riot of roars that are sure to delight and amuse! A new slant on matrimonial tangles!

ADAM AND EVE

LEW CODY

AILEEN PRINGLE

And a big supporting cast.

THE AMUSING STORY OF A MAN WHO COULD RESIST ANYTHING BUT A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN!

AT THE WORLD TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW

Orchestra 5.15 & 9.20. Interpreter 2.30 & 7.15.

A Thrilling tale of a dog's devotion to his master, in which "THUNDER," a new canine marvel, takes the leading part!

WILLIAM FOX presents

WOLF FANGS



AT THE STAR TO-DAY & TO-MORROW

At 2.30, 5.30 & 9.20.

Bayer Tablets of Aspirin



Printed and published for the Proprietors, The Hongkong & Shanghai Press, Limited, by DAYN CHRISTIAN WILSON, business manager, at 24, Wyndham Street, Hong Kong.